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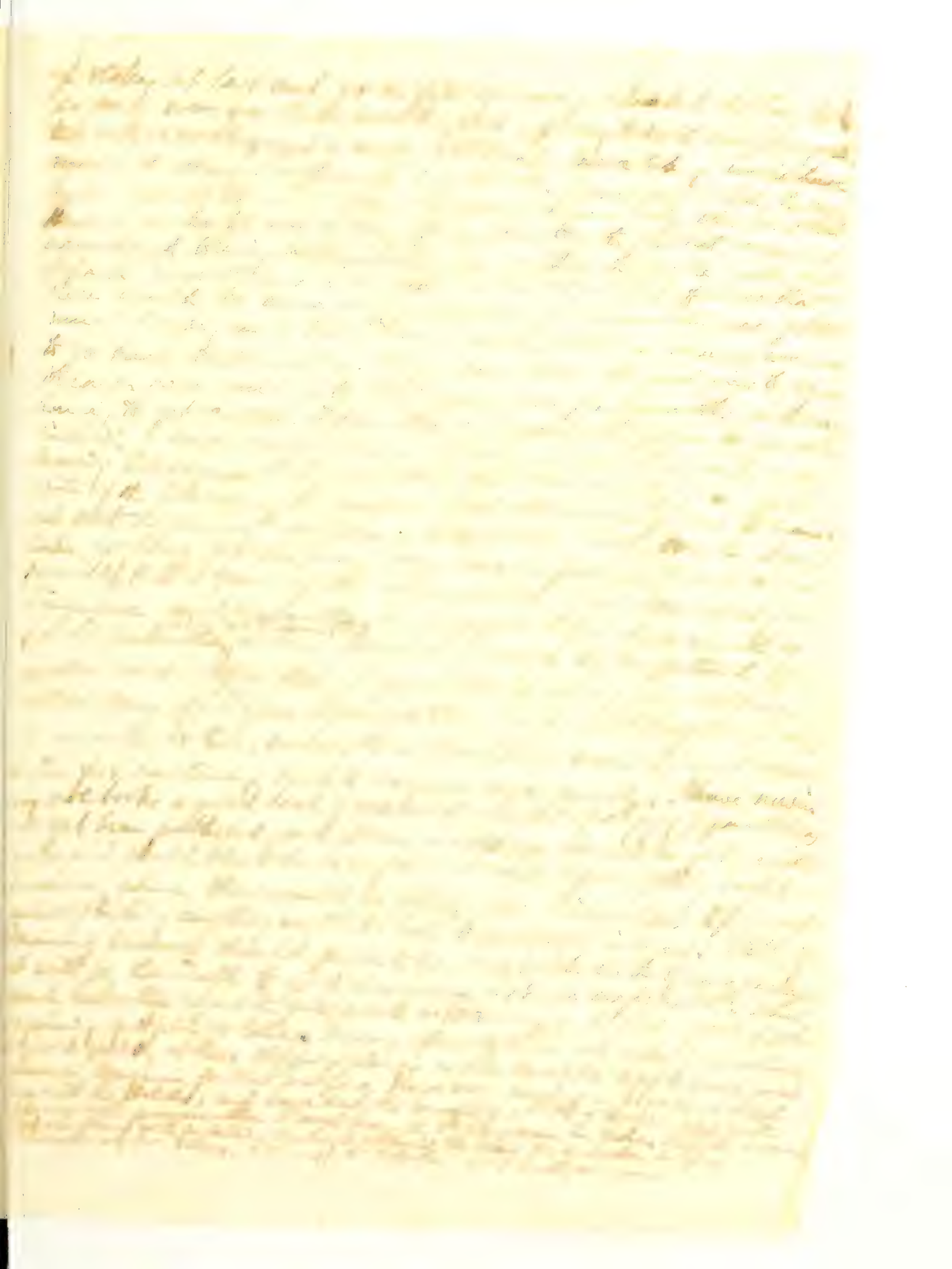

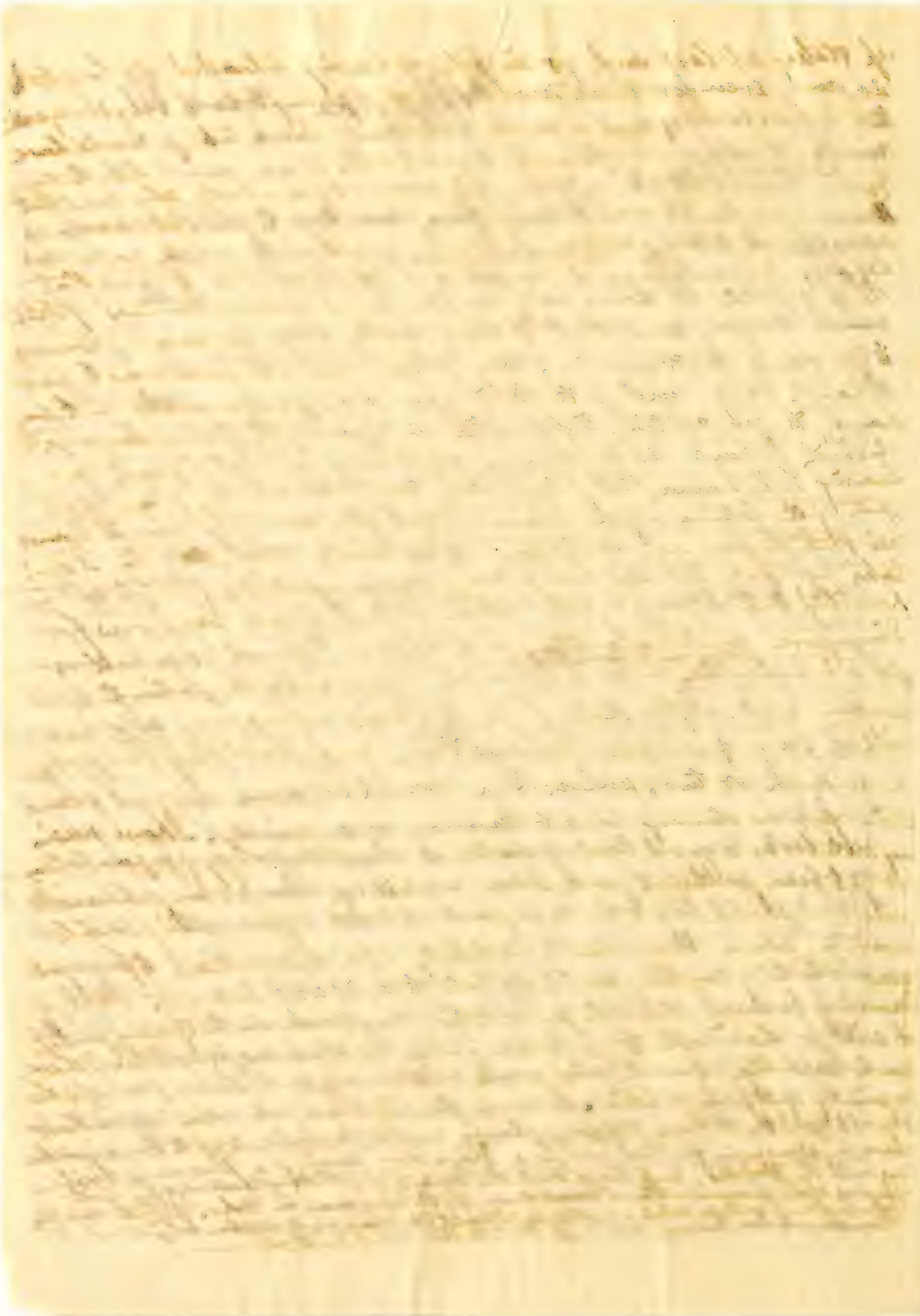

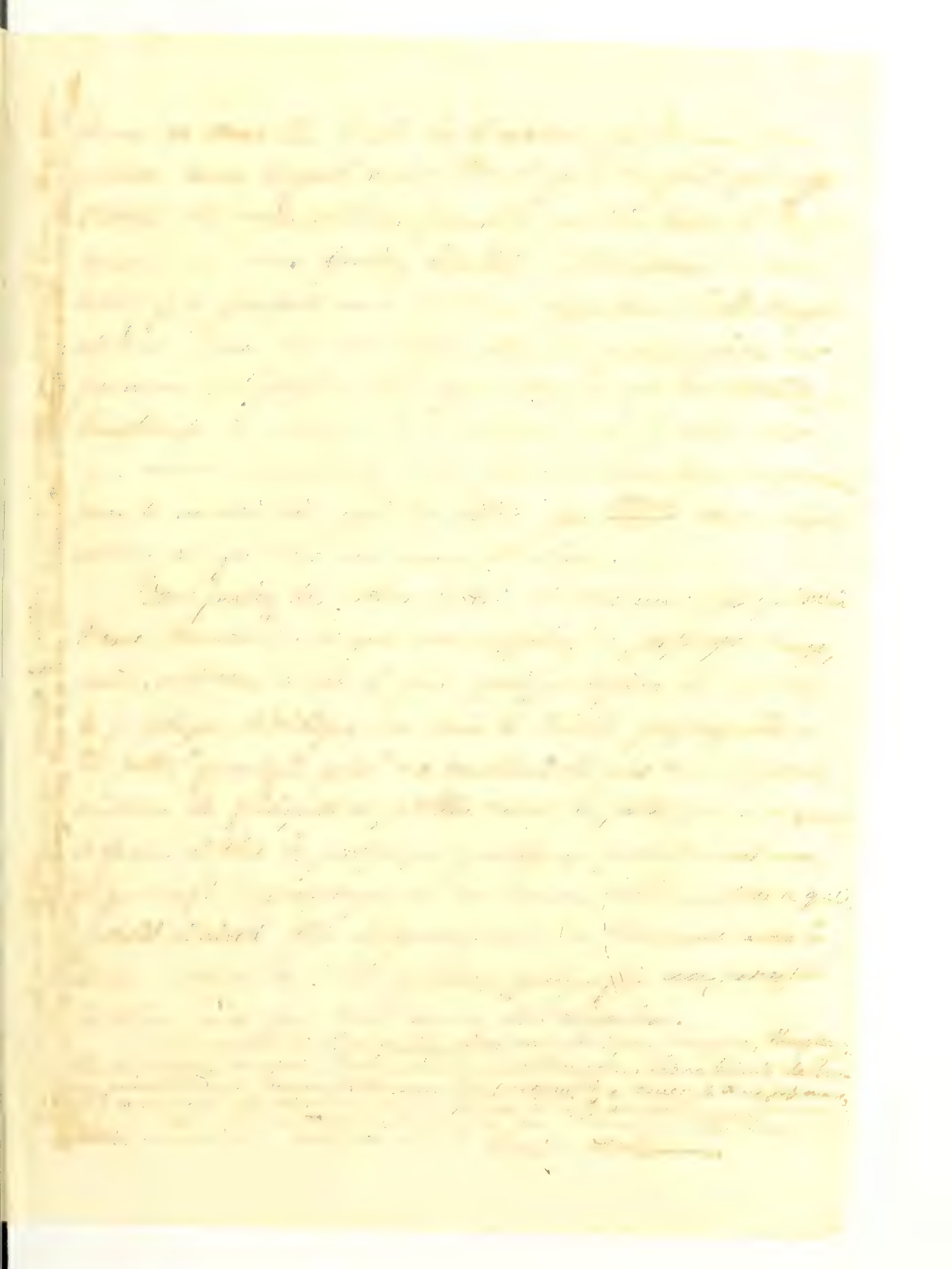

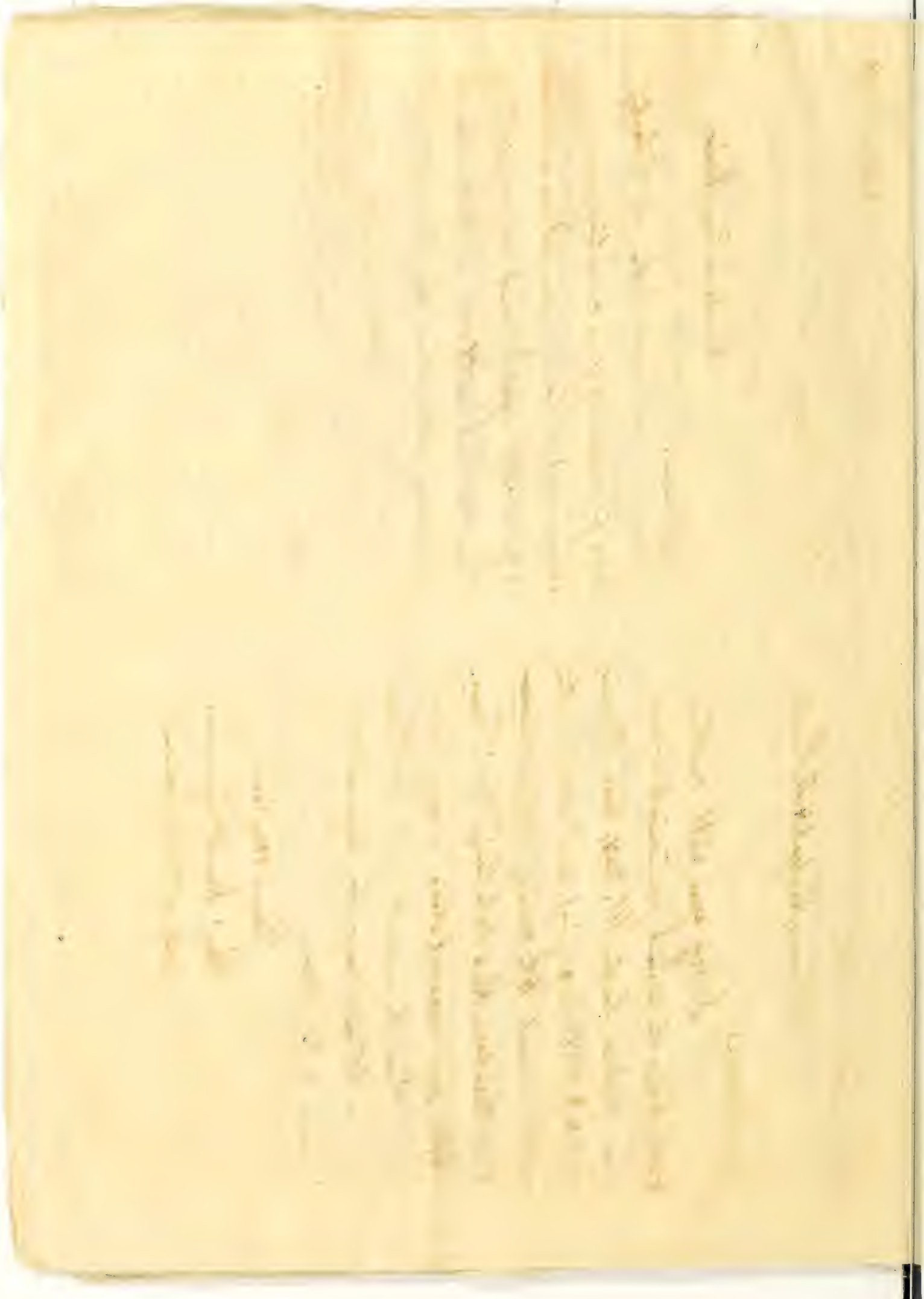

Dear McDougal.

I am delighted to receive
an invitation from you and
and to find that I have not
altogether exhausted your
hospitality. Mrs. Hancock
will be enchanted by the many
kind words I have received
from you and your husband.

Jan. 2nd 1882.

Dear Mary:

I have to thank you very much for your favor of the 12th of this month we received yesterday, we will begin that of the 20th that must have arrived in my brother's house a week ago and for those of Edna and Ethel, would have made by way of Japan. Your letter of last month to Grace & myself received made little feel very [illegible] not only in regard to the gift you sent but because you should be overdoing yourself in taking care of others and attending to your own duties, and I concluded & gone to America a little sooner than I had been planning in hopes that I might be of some service to you and indirectly. But I do not feel alarmed at the idea of my imposing myself upon you as a visitor and so adding to your cares and labors, for my idea has been to take lodging somewhere else in Northampton (perhaps in Judge Forbes's old place if it must now be vacant) and by dropping in when you daily & ascertain whether there may not be something that I could help you about. I should have in the first place & wait for some [illegible] that was comfortably settled before, and then for some letter that were made with unexpected little visits before finally finished a few days ago. I planned going with Miss Mary Clapp & her brother Roger this week in the Cunard Steamer Scythia sailing for Liverpool next Saturday, and taking some five days for a party of friends & London on the way, but it turned out too late & send the extra or heavy luggage to be unpacked days in advance from here and attend to it abroad may be it seemed impossible to get away to connect only from the letters of Paris but from the numerous small affairs that it seemed almost absolutely necessary to attend to here in connection with professional matters and otherwise after so long an absence but only from France but from the whole western world. The Scythia was therefore given up for a French Steamer from Havre of the same date, and I was on my way & take passage by it when your letter was received yesterday. Although your news is very good from being as good as it might be, yet the improvement is [illegible] but little & I am yielding to the [illegible]

the Hotel du Rhin, Place Vendôme, and spent about half the remainder
with Waddle of Mary from Liverpool. Both Mary and Jane Adamson
were and have been very ill. Mary [illegible] and the Doctor
still visit [illegible] but he recommends [illegible] to
London air, and the Doctors [illegible] Jane [illegible]
see them, and they [illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] Sunday
evening. But the relatives who [illegible] have been most kind
selves, whose student like habits agree best with mine. We
[illegible] dine together at some cheap restaurant (Bailly's
Restaurant, often in the Palais Royal) [illegible] the rest of the morning
all with her Art Studies and [illegible] improved very decidedly since
the days of home. She has been working very hard, and will
[illegible] about the time of your arrival [illegible] and look
a little lighter than before. Dobbin [illegible] a certain Frank Gray
a nice young Scotch woman who is also an Art Student. We went
for a week's holiday to Barbizon, a little village [illegible] the edge of the
Fontainebleau forest. After a few days [illegible] followed them and
[illegible] the rest of the week there. In spite of my knee [illegible]
and circumscribing [illegible] to be the principal object, I really gave
me a new sensation. The village has for many years been a
favorite resort for artists, some of them celebrated, and numerous
studios are to be observed on the north [illegible] houses.
The little country auberge where we stayed is the head quarters
of the [illegible] company, which assembles around the table
d'hôte [illegible] and evening in a room that has its walls covered
with pictures left by their painters either in payment of indebtedness
or as testimonials of gratitude. There is also in the house a
gallery of pictures for sale, and the [illegible] have also unfinished
or rejected oil paintings and fragments of plaster casts. The guests
have themselves through the day with painting sketches of village or
forest scenes. One day we went to Fontainebleau, five miles, and saw the
palace there, and [illegible] de Franchard and many [illegible]
as well as some [illegible] objects of interest in the [illegible] big trees. Another day
we visited a neighboring village (Marlotte) where there is an [illegible]
theatre. Another day we walked through the woods to [illegible] distance
there were at first about two dozen guests of the house, mostly
students, artists and [illegible] Parisian families, English, [illegible] and Americans
with a few French. [illegible] we went to the Caverne des Brigands
with a fete in it and made a [illegible] of the
[illegible] of two kinds [illegible]
of fish, but on the [illegible] the number [illegible]

Paris, France; 6 May, 1881.

Messrs. Trübner & Co.,
Publishers,
57 Ludgate Hill, London.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a draft in your favor for ten pounds sterling; and at your convenience please let me have a statement of account showing whether a further remittance be necessary for this year's subscriptions, or whether there be a balance to my credit and how much. The periodicals requested in my last have come to hand here & I beg you will send in addition the Popular Science Monthly (N. Y.) & the Journal of Speculative Philosophy (St. Louis) and that the numbers of all the periodicals may be supplied me from the first of January last until the date when you began sending them.

Please address me in future as:
Northampton, Massachusetts, United States of America; and oblige

Yours very truly
Geo. Smith Lyman.

3 May, 81.

My dear Mr. Langel.

I am very happy to accept your invitation to breakfast tomorrow noon; and am very sorry not to have been at home when you were so kind as to come yesterday.

Yours very truly
Geo. Smith Lyman.

easier than a strict construction of the agreement might have justified. It was however disappointing to find that the steamer was not going to start punctually at the time previously advertised, so that the morning train would have been quite early enough. The morning has gone in seeing the baggage arranged, getting a ticket and walking backwards and forwards between the Ticket Office and the Ship and waiting for the time to open. My cabin proves to be very well situated indeed and likely to be occupied by me alone, and capable of holding all the baggage desired. I thought I had discovered some little dialectic peculiarities (such as "cambrie" for "cabine", corresponding closely to a peculiarity of Irish and some Japanese pronunciation) but the boy in a porter cap who showed me to my berth turned out to be a Parisian. The Normans nevertheless are distinctly superior to the poor Italians in their physique and in their intelligence. I found at the hotel last night a very kind note from Mrs. Jones giving an address in Paris where I should write to answer her today. If you should happen to be at Mentone's for any thing else (but your purpose) within a few weeks, if you could spend your courageous to ask whether there be anything there for me left at the Poste Rest and would forward it to me I would be much obliged. I feel very easily obliged. They very kindly promised to forward anything, but that in case it should be necessary to [illegible] address. Please give my best and kindest

Le Havre, Havre, 7 May 88.

My dear Meggy:

What better can I do in the last hour before leaving France than thank you for your amiable companionship so often during my stay here?

After leaving you I succeeded in spite of unexpected delays in getting everything and myself aboard the train ten or fifteen minutes before it started. The railroad official was mostly [illegible] sound sleep, for all the world as if no conscience were quite clear (as it was extremely rare that being of a sound body and the car indulgently given) [illegible] railway Commissionaire who held the railroad "bulletin" for my baggage until he had been paid one half or one third more than was at all fair even in the opinion of the hotel people. The gesture was thoroughly given in accentuation of the phrase "Ces messieurs volent!" After dawn I had very glimpses through the fog of picturesque country. The Commissionaires are found far more honest, and even [illegible]

Paris 24th May 1871

My dear Dr. McCarter:

I have to thank you very much for your favor written from Madeira last winter and received in Paris a few days ago on my way here. I arrived in New York in the Pereire last Tuesday evening and came here yesterday, to see my sister particularly, my elder one whose illness has made great progress the last few months. I left New York before I received your letter in person and get news of you and of your family. It was unfortunate for me to be late in reaching you before I sailed, as on Wednesday afternoon I left N. York & all about us. That must have found the winter pretty severe according to the accounts given out by everybody here, and I trust you suffered no permanent ill effects from it; and for my own part I hope that you are still living somewhere in the east, but that you may be with us now and then, as I should be really glad to be one of your numerous & I believe we all have had a desire of doing. I am expecting to go to Switzerland early in June, and if you are there I shall

your way to or from
trips. Indeed I expect to go to Philadelphia
and the valley of Virginia within a couple
weeks, for a few days. In passing through
New York I shall try again to find out your
whereabouts and to call on you. Our journey
home has been a long one, as I came by way
of China and India, and stopped at Yokohama
& Shanghai, a week at Hong Kong, a fort-
night at Calcutta, a week in Egypt, chiefly
at Cairo, a week in Northern Italy (Venice,
Milan, and Turin) and a month at Paris.
We left Yedo on the 2d of September last and
will remain the next year. At that time I expect
to be well at the Legation and enjoy
the next year; but there is no knowing what diffi-
culties movements may have taken place there
before you will receive this. Things in Corea
appear, perhaps, more unsettled than
they were for those claims. About the time I
left Japan & China there were some twenty Russian
& American war vessels in the waters, and it looked as
the forces might be utilized for an attack on
Corea; but possibly the next year may have other
projects in view. We very left Japan have as many
troops and it is now day probably letters and
newspapers will come here direct. The climate
& mode almost entirely changed their appearance
but cannot say that I like it as much as
you and your family like Paris. We all join with

May [illegible]

My dear Aunt Susan:

Behold me arrived here safely, having reached New York Monday evening by the Persia. You will no doubt be glad to learn from an eyewitness such late news of Meggy as I can give, and I assure you that on the sixth of this month she appeared to be in very good health. Indeed, only a couple of days before that Miss Weston had been remarking to me about Meggy how well she looked, with such an emphasis on the word "well" that it was clear she meant to include the idea of health and vigor. I was one month in Paris very much indeed, and am indebted to Meggy's company for a great part of the enjoyment. We often spent the evenings together, dining in some [illegible] restaurant; that is, the same cheap place in the Palais Royal, for her frugal inclination and that which I am [illegible] [illegible] mine. Really I was much amused to see how big a franc would look to us, at least as big as a dollar. Such economy however seemed to have no ill effect on her [illegible] at least while I was there, though it is possible that she and [illegible] may have been carrying this economy rather too far.

been little under the weather. The trip to Barbizon however quite restored Meggy and Miss Wright, her excellent companion, and they came back to Paris quite blooming again. We had a charming time at Barbizon, and the novelty of the place, filled almost exclusively with artists, some serious and some gay and thoroughly [illegible], was [illegible] the source of a new sensation to your old globetrotting nevy, and he was often reminded that one half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. Of course I tried to persuade Meggy to come over to America with me, such an admirable opportunity, but she was steadfast in her devotion to art, and besides was anticipating much pleasure and a great alleviation to her comparative solitude from [illegible] visit in June. A certain dutch lady [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that she had never seen any of Meggy's work but had heard that it was "very strong", so there you have quite impartial testimony. Besides that, if my testimony were worth anything in spite of partiality and ignorance, I should say that Meggy had improved in painting very decidedly in Paris, judging from the few pieces I saw. She sent you two specimens by me [illegible] [illegible] that you can see for yourself. I had, I believe, that Meggy did complain that some portion of it [illegible] with you know what that is. I [illegible] hoping to [illegible] [illegible] soon at Philadelphia before long [illegible] [illegible] my best in word of mouth report [illegible] [illegible] in regard to Meggy. Uncle Edward would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Virginia by the [illegible] of June, when [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible — text written crosswise along the left margin]

May 7 1857

To the Station Agent
of the Boston & Albany Rail Road
at Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

By oversight I left a double barrelled spy glass (marked "Secretan à Paris" on the inner tube, exposed by screwing the glass out & its full length) in the rack over the windows of a car near the rear end of the train from West'n & Boston starting last evening in the morning and passing Springfield (where I left the train) about three in the afternoon. If the glass could be returned & sent here by express I should be very happy to repay the expense and thankful and would feel very greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,

Henry Swinton.

confined to couch and it was warm [illegible]
and even almost all the time to her lounge with the
bed. She lies on the lounge all day and for some
days has not walked even into Mary's room to
leave. On Monday night last and again on Tues-
day evening and Friday night she suffered greatly
from acute pain all over, similar to neuralgic
pains and it goes by that name and there had been
two previous attacks within a couple of weeks, but
that of Monday was decidedly the worst. The past
week has been very wet and mostly very cold,
the worst we had before and after the Barbizon trip;
but the week before was very hot (even 94°) and
the high temperature did Liggy much good, and she
could sit with the window open. The weather is still
rainy but with some prospect of improvement. The
cemetery looks pretty with the leaves getting large, apple
trees just going out of bloom and the chestnuts and
locusts still in bloom, much as when we went to
Lawrence or a little more advanced. The town is much
changed, even more than I had supposed; and old
and friends have altered much in external appearance
tho' not in cordiality. The Brewers are well and in-
quired very particularly after you. Minnie Miller is out
in town just now and was lately at your mother's.
So that through her and the Brewers' letters we have
some news from Philadelphia and are much pleased
to learn that Mary's case is improving satisfactorily and that
the "gift" has proved to be ideal reading and that your
father and mother feel much encouraged. Uncle Thomas
wants me to go to Snow Camp in the valley of Virginia where
Frank is, within a couple of weeks or so and I am hoping
to be so good to see your family in Philadelphia on the
way. I am planning, however, to make my headquarters
while there at Brinton's, as it seems to suit the girls to have
me [illegible] as I shall be useful in caring for [illegible]

April 1st, 1891.

My dear Sister and Second Degree:

It seems so very unprofitable that we are not making any appointment for a day (Thursday) that I will not decide to drop you a line without waiting any longer for it to reach you and send me your proper address. Our steamer reached New York safely last Tuesday evening. My trifling luggage was very conscientiously inspected by the examining officer, admitted free of duty and taken to a hotel depot by the Manhattan Station, and on Thursday I was here with all the trays. I found Liggy quite feeble and the lead not left her. I had expected, indeed, her disease has made great progress within the past few months, and it seems necessary to admit that the lead and rye night sweats of New York had it was apparently in position of only a few months perhaps of a fortnight. [illegible] seems to have been not at all to [illegible] the [illegible] a letter from Mary received by me in New York tried to make out that there was not the least need either on her account or Liggy's of hastening home. Mary's health does not yet seem [illegible] suffered; in fact, she was even better [illegible] later than formerly, perhaps because the [illegible] more exhausting [illegible] not [illegible] and even her [illegible] long, and she has had fever two days. Liggy is very cheerful and comfortable has good nights, particularly last night was good; but there is [illegible] variation & change [illegible] weather in this [illegible]

and an occasional [illegible] H.
[illegible] Hadden at Hillford and add it something of a Summer resort for artists, and perhaps you take a look of him. He overall about Barbizon and Fontainebleau, places near by, where Rosa Bonheur lives. Lizzy and Mary have been admiring your Barbizon sketch and it does look even better here than it did in Paris and is a charming reminder of our excursion. We go for the customary evening at Prior's and at the Grand Américain, those palatial resorts, to say nothing of the Continental!

I trust you have not been deprived of the company of your excellent roommate. Have you ever again encroached in storming, taking and holding that redoubtable fortress, the Salon No 22? Have you become acquainted yet with that interesting family the Bourgereaus? I have not yet written to them and intend to tomorrow I hope. I think I will [illegible] all the [illegible] what perhaps I [illegible] have [illegible] sufficiently this [illegible] get from Mrs. Adams if you will the privilege of [illegible] and [illegible] it to [illegible] the first convenient opportunity. Have you ever [illegible] the [illegible] at the Palais de l'Industrie and [illegible] the records? Do you think you can [illegible] another year in Europe with your [illegible] art" and [illegible] profession you [illegible]? [illegible] for you! And did you [illegible] to [illegible] the matter. Perhaps you will say that I have no right to [illegible] affairs. Saying [illegible] me always

Your very affectionate friend
Benjamin Champney.

[illegible] 20.

[illegible] have joined me the third story where I can study and work without disturbing any body and bright and early tomorrow morning I [illegible] load of Japanese office work and go over the [illegible] is to begin to grind [illegible]. So far, there has been used up in less than [illegible] days, per visitors you above have before noon, and dinner is at one and Henry Hinckley ordered me [illegible] a long drive in the afternoon. But this cannot be the place to attend [illegible] of business [illegible] through the distractions and hindrance. I work [illegible] than in Paris, this time. What a good time I did have there to be sure, "all owing to your influence" as the Japanese say? and indeed I give you [illegible] it would have been [illegible] had some thing. There would have been [illegible] of you, for we had only seventeen guests to [illegible] and not very many [illegible] us. Mrs. Hinckley's [illegible] and there [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Hinckley of Hartford in Mr. Hinckley's [illegible] in Pennsylvania, [illegible] forest near York, a great [illegible] of painting and by artist, and [illegible] permanently in living in Boston, [illegible] and Mr. Orrel Seaman Forbes, who said he had [illegible] Venice. [illegible] very agreeable [illegible] Paris and expected to sail again for home in a fortnight. So you may [illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 23 May, 81.

To the Publishers of the
Springfield Republican
Springfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Please change the address of my copy of your weekly edition to Northampton, Mass.; and oblige

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass, 23 May 1881.

My dear Jamboree:

I arrived here by way of Europe last Thursday, and am counting upon the joy of seeing you again soon here, as Mr. Parker says that it is nearly time for one of your monthly visits. I find my sister Lizzy quite feeble and so that I cannot visit you & stay with us here; indeed, I am only a visitor myself. Nevertheless I am planning & making the arrangements for some time at I may be directly or indirectly of some use to her and Mary, for I shall [illegible] & the Valley of Virginia for a few days within a fortnight or so, and hopeful you will have occasion & come this way before that.

I have never written you after all that letter telling all about the Johannese, and cannot quite excuse myself today though I hope that about it soon. But I can give you a detailed & my old Paris letters twenty years ago, for I spent a month there on my way. I made call & visit my old Concierge Pierre and his wife, whom I found both still in the old place, and even M. me hoped Eugene was still standing near the door. Pierre and his wife greeted me with cordial kisses; for you remember he and I parted in that way 20 years ago, after a moments hesitation and my saying that I was not the brother in my country for men & kiss each other. "Ça ne fait rien tout de même," he exclaimed, and immediately kissed me. At this first visit of the next day they told me that Louis, my Madame Pierre's grandson, was to wed the [illegible] about to be [illegible] ; they [illegible] was to be married in the Church and I must come to the wedding. He favored me [illegible] words and nicknames [illegible] to me of the [illegible] acquired by him. On the appointed day he took me in a carriage about ten in the morning to the house of his bride and made me acquainted with her and her father and mother and

shaking, and I met there also the rest of the wedding party, consisting
of only about five boys [illegible] the Hicks family and [illegible] there were to be no guests, as
then were the groom's relatives including his little brothers who
escorted me with a kiss on the cheek. With the exception of each [illegible]
had on a costume. Mr. Hicks, [illegible] mother, Dora Dodd, and
myself and Hart and without many words, [illegible] ceremony
[illegible] had lost much of her good looks but none of her vivacity
still, she was about three [illegible] at least, and often over the [illegible]
[illegible] Hicks's [illegible] are in Kansas and [illegible]
a [illegible] in Chicago and the oldest [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and the little girl Birdie (Eugenia) was perhaps 2 years
old has become an actress and the family do not like it at all
now, and apparently never see one another. After [illegible]
year of delicious Malaga and chatting with the [illegible]
[illegible] we went to the mayor's office at the Place St. [illegible] about
eleven o'clock, and the marriage ceremony was performed by
the mayor who read us a preface certain articles from the code
explaining the rights and duties of husbands and wives. We [illegible]
[illegible] along with the [illegible] (Mr. Hicks was [illegible] and
the couple then in front of a table that separated us from the [illegible]
under the guidance of a clerk [illegible] the [illegible] register in
two places each another we would [illegible]. One or two others
also gave a [illegible] and when we should have our respective
[illegible] for example, on [illegible] "Monsieur et Madame!
Evegarons!" The mayor was an intelligent [illegible] man of middle
age who spent most of the time in [illegible] with those near at the com-
pany assembled. The ceremony took place in a pretty large hall
for the most part with bare walls, but with one [illegible] repre-
senting a wedding party standing in the square in front of a building
[illegible] we drove in our carriages to the church of Notre Dame des [illegible]
not far distant, arriving just before [illegible] and the ceremony
began at once without waiting for the guests who had preceded us
there. The friends and [illegible] of the young couple were not yet
assembled, though we all arrived at the [illegible] time. None
was indeed expected to attend mass during the [illegible] ceremony
we stayed only the usual [illegible] as by the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the peasants [illegible]

[illegible] a contribution box [illegible] passed around. Each poor [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] gentleman [illegible] a bag of about the same size [illegible] by [illegible] followers of [illegible] dressed like young men and women. The ceremony took place in the chapel behind the grand altar, and, before we had done, another [illegible] had begun in front of the altar [illegible] [illegible] perplexing especially as the guests could no longer stay [illegible]. Then we went into the vestry and signed the [illegible] as witnesses and congratulated the couple with hand shaking and kissing. The charming young [illegible] was about [illegible] and the daughter of [illegible] that he [illegible] years old. [illegible] [illegible] had been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] years longer [illegible]. From the church we drove to a restaurant near the [illegible] and had breakfast there at about half past one. The bridal couple were our hosts and welcomed us on our arrival with handshaking and kissing, only I missed my share from [illegible] purpose! We sat down rather helter-skelter to the table with the bridal couple facing one another at the middle of the long sides. I was near one end with a lively very tall young unmarried lady as my [illegible] with whom I began at once [illegible] by remarking on one excellent feature of the picture in the Mayor's marriage hall; the bridegroom of the picture was [illegible] young. [illegible] was however disturbed at seeing me seated so far away and [illegible] often more carefully at dinner time. After breakfast we all went out and walked for an hour or two through the Jardin d'Acclimatation close by, and saw the numerous [illegible] birds and beasts, elephants and camels and ostriches, [illegible] about the grounds. I made the most of my [illegible]. Among other things I told [illegible] in the [illegible] Japan; and my fair charmer exclaimed [illegible] pas!" But a middle-aged gentleman walking near us [illegible] "[illegible] are accustomed to it from childhood." We went back to the restaurant, [illegible] played billiards for an hour, [illegible] and at [illegible] we sat down to dinner, seated with [illegible] care by the [illegible], but for my part not more agreeably than at breakfast. [illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 25/5/81.

To the Publishers of the
Springfield Republican,

Gentlemen:

I am very sorry any agent
you have given you to collect
for the former address of my weekly
Republican. It was [illegible]
change it to Northampton, Mass., and
oblige

Yours very truly
R. E. Smith & Co

Northampton, Mass.; 25/5/81.

B. W. Hobart Esq.
Boston & Albany R. R. Station
Boston.

Dear Sir:

I owe you many thanks for your favor of
day before yesterday and for the return of the spy-
glass, obligingly sent free of charge on the passes of your Rail-
road, and received safely to-day. It nevertheless it must
have given somebody trouble; and as some acknowledge-
ment I beg you will hand him the enclosed dollar,
if convenient; or if not, dispose of it as you think fit.

Yours very truly,
Rev. Smith Lyman.

Hamburg, den 27/9/78.

Herrn Wilhelm Schmidt,
Berlin.

Lieber Herr!

Ihre werthe Anfrage
vom 25ten dies. Mts. betreffend
die Firma Gebrüder Meyer
in Hamburg, habe ich
Ihnen bereits
[illegible]

Hamburg, den 27/9/78.

Herrn Wilhelm Schmidt,
Berlin.

Lieber Herr!

Ihre werthe Anfrage vom 25ten dies. Mts. betreffend die Firma Gebrüder Meyer in Hamburg, habe ich Ihnen bereits [illegible]

Northampton, Mass., 26/5/81.

My dear Dr. McCartee,

Many thanks for your favor of the 23d duly received. I am delighted to hear of the American 李嘉緒's appointment to be consul general, and beg to offer my hearties congratulations. When and where will he open his office? and will he not come occasionally to Ningpo? Sometimes to travel this way & look after the numerous subjects of his Emperor here about? The "instructions" you speak of applying were I trust a satisfactory "billet" to use the employment slang. It appears that you go on with the buying of books in China and Japan, as I do myself, following your excellent example. You will be interested perhaps in learning that enormously dear books become in the Paris market as soon as the books in the Chinese language which you no doubt have. Medhurst's dictionary for example costs 250 francs, the older edition of Morrison's dictionary 300 francs, Bridgman's Chrestomathy 25 francs, Callery & Yvotaine's Lexicon 75 francs, Premare 100 francs, Remusat's Mélanges asiatiques 50 francs (50 dollars). The house does, by the way, & buy such things is Maisonneuve & Cie, 25 Quai Voltaire, and no doubt they can send books by post cheaply and free of duty. I did not notice anything about Choo Hsi; but there is to be a new catalogue published by them soon. I am trying to keep up and improve my little knowledge of Chinese; but it seems even less practical to do so here than it did in Yedo, and I fear that I may be soon distracted from it by more immediately pressing matters and more thoroughly American interests. In Shanghai I had a Peking teacher for a few days and found that the one I had in Yedo had taught me very good pronunciation and we could make each other understood very well in the colloquial language, particularly he. At Canton, too, I spent an evening one morning in running about the city to refresh my memory after a place with a young Mandarin who offered to let me practise on him. Again at Saigon I found a Cochinese who knew a native of Peking and understood my Chinese pretty well more than Shanghai dialect for the last time very young Chang Ai-[illegible] remembered in what you wrote about yourself and me. Thanks

Miss Haines, the Murrays, Hoffards, Bagbys and other
old time Americans from Japan. I am not quite ready
to leave here for Japan as the steamer
for me to pull up stakes. Here I have
separated families are connected intimately through out the
world. The Mr. Lemaire of whom you speak as your
brother's father in law is likewise father in law of a distant cousin
of mine a Rev. Mr. Savage, whose daughter (Georgiana)
died in about 2 years and Caroline my
acquaintance still survives. Mrs Lemaire is indeed
Armherst with my younger sister when
as you at Amherst last summer. She is sister, I suppose
of the Miss Hannah Lyman who was Lady Principal
am counting upon the pleasure of a chat with you
when I pass through New York, and the time is not yet
fixed.

On my way to Calcutta I spent several days in
Burma, and found the Burmans to resemble the Japanese
very much in temperament, and to be like them attractive,
quite unlike what I had expected. The language seems to
be like the Chinese very much, but the pronunciation I did not
taught me in some detail with Japanese politeness and good humor
by some Buddhist priests of the Steamer between Rangoon and
Calcutta is very peculiar and very different to the Occiden-
tal. There seem to be only three tones.
hundred miles into the interior by rail and steamer as the travel
ing & the delay of our sea steamer at Rangoon, and was much
interested. Both Rivers the scenery was very picturesque with the
effect heightened by handsome gilded pagodas, but like Europe
pagodas, but like Europe churches, [illegible]

Please give my best compliments to your wife and believe me always
Yours very truly, Geo. Searle Lyman.

Northampton, Mass. 29 May, 81.

Ma chère petite fille:

Many thanks for your interesting journal to the twelfth with your proper address received day before yesterday. It is Sunday again without any delightful excursion to the Bombyx Channing Company. and there is nothing left but the unsatisfactory alternative of writing her, that is, you. You were quite right in conjecturing that the dinners on the rolling ship were far less enjoyed by me than those of your palace; but the difference was in the company, for I was just about telling my agent to get rid of the rolling, even in stormy weather. Mr. Forbes turned out to be a homœopathist and, though not averse to standing up for his rights, of a kindly disposition: so he gave a small dose of nux vomica to a little German boy of the second class who had been for weeks ill with seasickness for two or three days, unable to eat anything and retching violently near Mrs. Forbes's cabin, and (Mr. Forbes's great satisfaction) the boy was decidedly better in ten minutes, was eating two or three mouthfuls of roast pork after, and the next day was running about as lively as possible and as grateful. The boy's mother was not however quite so amenable to the same remedy. Mr. Pinchot my other companion had also had some experience with homœopathy at least, a child of his swallowed a whole bottleful of homœopathic pills and was cured by a teaspoonful of coffee! but seemed to have somewhat the same opinion of medicine as I have and to approve the good proverb: There is more difference between a good physician and a bad one; than between a good one and none at all. He quoted by the way some criticisms of Dr. Holmes's in addresses to some body of physicians, more especially that while according to the proverb, a man at forty is either a physician or a fool, a physician at that age may be both. Mr. Pinchot, as well as Mr. Forbes, but perhaps in a less degree, appeared to be acquainted with a vast number of distinguished men and to be fond of seeking them out; and they had a number of their remarkable sayings to tell and Mr. Forbes occasionally some of his own. He told too about his negotiating with Brian for the transfer of Cuba to the United States six or eight years ago, and how it was all nearly arranged and agreed to [illegible]

Mr. Forbes, Mr. Fish, then our Secretary of State. Mr. Forbes also went twice into Paris during the siege, on business of state, and was bearer of proposals for an armistice. While I was still living in Rue Neuve St. Augustin, Mr. Forbes one day called to see me, and he left while Mr. Bancroft sat in the drawing room with me and then came back and had a chat with Mr. Fox, so that Mr. Forbes had time between the two visits to drink a cup of tea. Then he said: "Prince! you have not only overdrawn your account, but you have rolled back the Latin race!" The Prince turned round in his chair and stared at Mr. Forbes. The next time the Prince was in good humour from that compliment, Mr. Forbes returned upon a remark that seemed to him of indecision: "Prince! turn the ground upon the gathering of some thick soft opinion and you shall see that the strong is the reason & the superior nature prevail in America!" Prince Napoleon was talking with me alone on deck he made in an undertone quite as profound a remark: "The fact is, America is New England; it is the New England mind that make in general all that is to be admired in every other part of the country." And then he laughed a little and added a saying of Count de Gasparin that had already been mentioned by him and Mrs. Bancroft, a remark made I believe at a New England dinner in New York when New England was being extolled: "But I have often observed that the best men are not always the most agreeable to live among." Mr. Forbes the public energetic, forceful, self-reliant people have very useful qualities, but they are in some respects less amiable and less agreeable companions than the yielding, considerate, self-denying, gentle people like the Japanese and in a less degree the Danes. Who are apt to be called contemptibly weak. Mr. Forbes must be a native of New England himself though he calls Hartford his home, and he was a good "illustration" of the New England character. He quoted once or twice some of his own verses that were really very well turned and witty. — I am very glad indeed that Mr. Tourgueneff wants to see you and hope you are well acquainted with them by this time. If the elderly Mrs. Tourgueneff went in person to see you it was in deed indeed. I am very sorry that you were to lose your roommate so very soon and that even your two other companions will leave your hotel sometime before many arrives. She writes me from Philadelphia that she is to sail on the eleventh of June; so

Northampton, Mass. 29 May 80

My dear Sanborn

It is rumored, among other things, that my book should have been just be out and that you should have received a copy before this very time. What can be the reason? Whatever it will not be possible for me to leave N. Hampton for Concord before your invitation to a concert there and return home. When in Boston I spend [illegible] in the valley of [illegible] a few days, and am expecting to stay a couple days in Philadelphia on my way going; so that, in order that I may have [illegible] at a time, I am thinking of postponing a visit to Jamaica Plain and Boston until possibly after my return from Virginia. At that time I count upon seeing you and your wife, even though it be only a hundred and one. But, as the Frenchman says, Comment pourrais-je boire et ne pas aller cent milles a pied, ou meme quelques kilometres; and if I should be here some time you may expect to see me dropping in on my way to or from Boston as I trust you will in future do here in Northampton.

The prospectus of your Rhodes Philosophy in your letter paper is very interesting, with its belligerent flourishes. What is the meaning of CR and GR on the two seals? Conservative Reaction and Great Revolution? The GR seal looks bigger as if it would hold a bit more. Vive à vous!

Yours affectionately friend,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass; 2 Oct 1851

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Once more you have put me to shame by your promptness in writing & your kindness in pressing upon me your hospitality which I have not the least doubt would be even far more charming than your amiable exaggeration represents it. I make me my attempt in that line & have been. But I cannot go & commend just yet owing to an engagement made in Easton & Bridgewater which I shall keep this week, and to my having arranged to stay a couple of days in Philadelphia on the way going, and to my unwillingness to be gone [illegible] many days at a time, on account of [illegible] dear little Lilla. I hope nevertheless [illegible] and remain there & visit some relatives as they have been urging me to do, and then & call on you at Concord, even if it be but a call. But now that we live so near that it is almost as easy to see one another as if you were in Alabama and I in Ct, you may expect to see me walking in now and then, and as I have seen the good news in the papers that you have been a trustee of the Agricultural College, you may perhaps give me pleasure by [illegible] the sight of your countenance here now and then.

It is a very long time that I have been expecting to write you almost immediately and it seemed likely to be accomplished in Calcutta at last. But in travelling there are many things to do & that cannot be put off without being obliged to sacrifice opportunity attending to them that this duty towards you was neglected. I shall & I want you most heartily to say to Mrs. Wheeler & to your dear children that you were so kind as & send back to [illegible] that you were so thoughtful as to mail me. It was the only [illegible] & was unasked in the whole eight years of my stay in Calcutta except geological reports and pamphlets & this matter; and I appreciated it all the more highly indeed for [illegible] is a [illegible] that far off country. If you will & have [illegible] me, I will be very

month and the book arrives out of date and when the interest [illegible] has been partially replaced by something else. I [illegible] [illegible] interest [illegible] [illegible] paper, and [illegible] words in use there; for it must be admitted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commonly be left out altogether without [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the value of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are used [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] is very interesting but [illegible] me that the idea of Buddha [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] are perhaps on the contrary rather a [illegible] in some respects.

I noticed what you said in your previous letter of fearing that you might become diverted in the [illegible] of inventing, and admired your caution, for it is a dangerous yet most attractive occupation, that I have [illegible] felt strong attraction for and at the same time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] throughout my boyhood, and before and after, a [illegible] [illegible] to all inventors. I have sometimes wondered whether something might not result if we should put our heads together (our families the brains), in other words whether I might not be able to suggest some useful invention to you. In the use of compressed air for [illegible] example I have seen it stated that it [illegible] sometimes compressed to a thousand atmospheres [illegible]. For a small affair, why would it not be (as I was asking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) a good use of it to put a small reservoir of highly compressed air under the saddle of a bicycle to run [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a certain number of miles, the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]: How would such greatly compressed air with the steel receptacle on the large scale compare in bulk and in weight with coal for power? With your recent familiarity with such matters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] readily [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. If the weight for equal power would be anything [illegible] [illegible] twice that of coal, would it not be advantageous to use it on [illegible], with the saving of [illegible] [illegible] engine room and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] accommodations? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? A cubic foot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1728 x 15 x 1000 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the air [illegible] would be.

Please give my [illegible] to your [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

Northampton, Mass. 27 May 64.

Mrs. P. B. Lyman,

Jamaica Plain.

My dear Aunt:

Many thanks for your kind favor received yesterday asking me to visit you at Jamaica Plain. I shall be delighted to do so soon, but cannot yet say exactly when it will be possible. When I came through New York Uncle Edward proposed my going for a few days to Lenox in the Valley of Virginia, there Hamlin, and the plan has been to go there within a week or two, and I hoped I would stay a couple of days in Philadelphia on the way, in order to attend to some affairs there as well as see Mary Phila Leiper & so did not like to be away many days at a time; but a little visit after getting back from Virginia I may be able to go to Boston for a short visit. A hundred miles seems so little at present to me, I forward that it will be no great affair to make the journey even for a short visit. I was sorry the other day to have missed seeing Miss Nelson when she was here and getting the latest news about you. Only a day or two before your letter came Hannah was telling me she hoped you had written me. Japan lately, and I was intending to write to day; but half a dozen has not yet come to hand, though it will no doubt be forwarded soon.

I find Lizzy pretty feeble, and she suffers frequently
with neuralgic pains as they are called. But
on Thursday she sat up for a few minutes in the morning and
again on this morning. She strength seems to be very
slowly increase gradually, especially as the warm days bring
chilly, weather affects her very badly. The doctor thinks
she will soon be able to walk about. If the cold
dries up, no doubt the improvement will be more
rapid. She is very bright and cheerful when not in
severe pain. Mary seems still well though
much absorbed in the comfort and of Lizzy. It is
almost impossible for any body else to help at all.

Uncle Edward and Aunt Kate came just two weeks
since this was begun. They came to find Hartford best
looking & took all their measurements that have been
made and finished only a few days ago. All
Smeaton rooms have been newly papered and had their ceilings
whitened, and some new ornamental fire places and hearths
have been set, and the shutters have been removed so
as to be able to open the lower sash and admit the upper entry.
The effect of the alteration is very pleasing and very.
The Brothers are in good health, and as busy as
as ever. Mrs. Hooker is making them a visit at present.
Hannah and Fanny were able to give some news of you and
of Nellie and Eva and Eva's pretty family, and they
unite in love & good wishes to Eva. Hoping to meet Jessie
Blair before Nelly goes, I am always

Yours affectionately Stepmother Mary Smith Seymour

Northampton, Mass., 30 May 61.

J. W. Pinchot Esq.

Union League Club, New York City.

My dear Sir:

I have to thank you very much for taking the trouble to look for me at the Grand Union Hotel the other day, and regret extremely that I was not there at the moment.

I have forgotten the name of the hotel you intended to go to, and have been at a loss how to address that report to you; but have concluded to try the Union League Club, as it is now probable that I shall not be in New York before your departure again for Europe.

Hoping that you will have a safe and pleasant journey, and that I may have the pleasure of meeting you again before very long either in Europe or here, I am always,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours.

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Mr. Fiske Esq.

Winnebago Stat. Nov 14th

Dear Sir:

Have a team up next week for
a load & will go on to Neenah
& the dam, and report satisfactorily to / proposal
this end of route.

I have supplied A. Rowe & Co at Fond du Lac
& up & can't have one of a less than 4 ordinary
wagon load, as it is now. Perhaps the Wall end
is less will have for distributing agents for
Neenah.

Hoping that you will have a safe and pleasant
journey and find all things in a pleasant & prosperous
condition before you, I remain

Yours truly

[illegible]

Northampton, Mass., 8 May 1881.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

In my talk yesterday I made an absurd estimate of the power of a cubic foot of coal consumed [illegible] and I promised to give you the rough calculation. I had read about it on board ship, which was till I had [illegible] the power required to compress a volume of air one mile square and 1000 feet long to one half its length, to the atmosphere ex. coal $\frac{1}{2}$ 500 × $\frac{0+15}{2}$ = 500 × 7½ = 3750 ft lbs and so necessarily reducing the length 250 × $\frac{15}{2}$ = 250 × 30 = 7500

125 × 75 = 9375
62½ × 165 = 10312
31¼ × 340 = 10625
15⅝ × 705 = 10663
7⅞ × 1405 = 10700 ±
325/32 × 2860 ± = 10700 ±
2 – × 6205 ± = 10700 ±
1 – × [illegible] ± = 10700 ±

[illegible] ft. lbs, which multiplied by 1728 would give 144849600 ft lbs. of course with more trouble the calculation could be more exact; but this would give an idea. Have I made some other blunder?

Yours very truly,

Henry Smith Williams.

[illegible]

Northampton Mass. Sunday 8

My dear Aunt Susan:

Many thanks for your very kind favor received Saturday. Before answering it I have waited to talk with Uncle Edward about the plan of going to Virginia, so that you might know when I might expect you. I am delighted & accept your invitation & your chance. My idea was to spend two or three days with you including a Sunday on the way to Virginia probably next Sunday, but it seems not to be quite convenient to have me proceed to Virginia until about Thursday of next week. I am accordingly making up my mind to have one a little longer and to start from here next Saturday and reach your hospitable home Saturday evening, stay by the ship which I learn from Dear Sister Mary leaves New York on Monday, remember that Sunday is a good day for chatting with Mr. Lester, and a day of leisure generally. Tuesday evening there is the Academy meeting. There will be plenty to occupy me the whole time aside from the attractions of your own household, and I am glad to have a longer visit than at first planned, especially that I may be able to see Dear Sister Mary a little longer than seemed desirable, though the distance is not great & can come back in case of need at any time. Mary thinks Jeff. is getting gradually a little stronger, and the warmer weather is very beneficial; but the attacks of severe pain seem to be very frequent now and depressing. Dr. Porter however encourages the expectation of Jeff's getting home about Christmas and Mary is considering where it would be best for Jeff. to next winter for a milder climate and keeping the main residence in Georgia. Perhaps Key West. Mary was so much exhausted when she got back — took cold and [illegible] Sunday I am [illegible] I shall arrange my plans as above. Please give my love to Uncle & the children and kind regards to friends. Affectionately yours

Many congratulations on the happy [illegible]

Northampton, Mass., 31st May 1881.

My dear Mr. Gaujot:

You see I have really come back to America at last after leaving myself home from the attractions of Japan. I sailed from Yokohama on the 3d of December and on the way home spent a fortnight altogether a week in Burma, a fortnight at Calcutta, a week in Egypt, a week in Italy and a month in Paris, and arrived here about ten days ago.

I find that the box of plants I sent you last autumn (enclosed) have left me for my residence New York, reached New York in fine condition, and was seen to safe by a man that my uncle sent down to the ship. I at once answered a letter to the Captain & just then in a certain passage way whereby would be safe from peeping for the Commander was after first then. But then the Captain promised & called & he afterwards forgot to do it, and the plants were all or almost all frozen. Nevertheless my uncle says he forwarded the box for you to Yokohama as requested. Anyhow it would not some of the roots might still have life in them and come to something with care. It seems one ought to be for some years, plants can endure a good deal of cold. However years had the additional expense of the box to Yokohama.

I hear that you are at the Consolidated Canada Iron Mine (which) you work, but do not know the address and so send it to Yokohama. I congratulate you on [illegible] & hope you find everything satisfactory. I am planning to make my [illegible] here for the present, as my elder sister is very sick; but I am going on a [illegible] next week to the valley of Virginia, and expect to stay [illegible] Nothing further to [illegible] and [illegible] you have your [illegible] you again. [illegible]

Northampton, Mass., 21 May 1881.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:

Yes, I do value really your kind
[illegible] Thereon as I [illegible] highly [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] of Indiana. Perhaps from [illegible] or [illegible]
of Representatives [illegible]
[illegible] I used to [illegible]
Hewitt, I used to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I used formerly [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts, 31 May, 65.

To Mrs. Tourguénieff, 97 rue de Lille, Paris.

My dear Madam:

I owe you a thousand most hearty thanks for your very kind note, & the light it and your letter threw upon the charming photograph of yourself with the beautiful horses. It is indeed a most pleasing souvenir of my excellent friends in the rue de Lille – only (for that reason) it makes me discontent and I cannot find grave reasons for being decatéginich? I could wish that you had added a photograph of yourself and daughter – but for that you are both indelibly engraved on my memory, yet it would be so nice to be able to have your likeness & my rooms.

Your good wishes were efficacious and the voyage was a very comfortable one. The Scotia & steamers do not yet quite recovered the former high reputation, so that there were less than usual first class passengers and we had the great advantage of plenty of room and attention. The only two American men of the number were very agreeable companions, whom you may have met in Paris, as they live there a great deal: Mr. Paul Cameron Forbes, an old Boston merchant, and Mr. J. M. Forbes, his grandson, also formerly a retired merchant but fond of art and of artists &c. Forbes is part of among his numerous children a son who is studying & became an artist: two other sons of his are Hongkong merchants, and one of them is the husband of a first cousin of mine. So among other things we had family connections to talk about.

Of my Mother's health is still quite ill, and the result uncertain, though there is some improvement. I am planning to make a

headquarters here for the present in the midst of charming landscapes that have made the region celebrated in America. It is a quiet place too, & with my Japanese volumes and & side my favorite robbydressing & study of Chinese and Japanese. There is room & for geological studies in the neighborhood, though there are no good mines near and it is hardly a good place & practice mining engineering. I am probably going however next week & Virginia for a business trip of a few days according & an arrangement made the morning after my marriage with in New York; and may perhaps make some other short excursions this summer, especially as there is nothing at present that I can do here in the way of helping my younger brother who insists on taking almost the entire care of the invalid and is still able & do it. On my way & Virginia I expect & pass a few days at Philadelphia, in old times of mine, visiting & the Miss Leslies (from one of whom, the mother I have just been favored with a very kind note & hunt up in the rue d'Alger. I anticipate also much pleasure & seeing & meeting there my old master, now Director of the State Geological Survey of Pennsylvania.

I have just been reading the account of a "town meeting" a very interesting institution of this my native region. The "town" here with its territory is in many respects an independent republic, and manages its affairs through a board of three "selectmen" elected annually, who however have no power & do anything but what is authorized by the annual town meeting in February or by some special town meeting in the course. All the male inhabitants above the age of twenty one may discuss and vote upon every proposition at these meetings, and it is surprising on the whole & see how well they do it, and how judiciously they vote, and how thoroughly order is maintained according & strict parliamentary rules. To be sure, although most of those present today were small farmers and tradespeople there were several lawyers and clergymen, one college president and one or more generals & the

and several had had experience in the State Legislature and at least one in Congress. But now the town has become so large that the meetings are rather unwieldy for the transaction of business. There were 400 or 500 present to-day, and there are many more at the annual meetings. The town has now indeed a population of over 12,000, enough to obtain from the State Legislature a charter for a city government, and the question is now under consideration with the help of a Committee whether to do so or not. But the city government is a representative one in which a Board of Aldermen from the different wards decide on expenditures instead of the present direct Democratic action, and this might be more economical for extravagant and lavish management, although on the other hand there might be better opportunity for wise and liberal minded men. Denominational jealousy formerly there was a strong prejudice, now dissipated, against the city form of government and Boston had at one time a population of nearly 100,000 inhabitants for it to be such a form. To-day our meeting voted to accept with the condition a bequest of some 50 or 60 thousand dollars from an eccentric old bachelor lately deceased here for a public library, but to let the fund accumulate for 10 years, suggested by a committee appointed for the purpose. Also the question of a general plan for sewerage, but rejected by a vote of the previous committee who believed, I suppose, that it would be better to wait a little longer. Small matters are disposed of at the annual meetings and there also any one can bring before a meeting under consideration in the selectmen's office any desirable matter. I believe that in Boston in fact we have three different kinds of meetings, of which the ward meetings are the most important. Perhaps I should further say that our school district is wholly independent and has its own taxes, but we do not manage it ourselves, but elect a committee to do it. Besides these there are several villages besides the main one, each of which is something like these in our French language and civilization. Please give my best compliments to your daughter and sons and believe me always [illegible] yours faithfully Thomas Hubbard.

Northampton, Mass. 2 June, 1881.

Prof. J. P. Lesley, State Geologist of Penn.a,
1008 Clinton St., Philadelphia.

My dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge with very many thanks the receipt last night of the two packages of Geological Survey reports mentioned in your favor of the 28th of May, and forwarded by you from Philadelphia, namely: C, C3 maps, G7, O3, I2 maps, O2, R maps, T maps, V2, G4, H5, I3, I4 & K; an extremely valuable addition to the magnificent series of reports that you have already so kindly sent me.

I have made the usual acknowledgment of receipt to the Harrisburg office; and am always,

My dear Sir,

Very gratefully, yours,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass.; 2 June, 1881.

Dear James.

Lizzy and Mary and I wish to make
cousin Eliza a present of one of your reversionary
interest in the fund of $500 that you hold in trust for
us under the will of Grandmother Smith;
the wish you would make the necessary legal arrange-
ments for relinquishing your control of the money;
but perhaps it must be friendly settled with some friendly
lawyer & Probate Court here when you are in Northamp-
ton on your Commencement visit. Please let me know what
you consider your compensation; & we will send a check
& give a share of the legacy, and receive the same as
part of the next coming monthly installment paid you
through N.A. Lawyers.

Ever always

Your affectionate Brother

Roy Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass., 2 June, 1861.

Dear James:

I have long been neglecting to write you and tell about Lizzy's condition. On my first arrival she seemed quite feeble, even more so than before, but bright and cheerful. That same evening, however, she had a great deal of severe pain and as she had been attacked with two or three times before within two or three weeks she had another such attack the night we came, and all through last week such attacks were common, sometimes on successive days, and always I believe as often as every other day; and it has been the same this week. Every night before last was very good and the day before that too, last night and all this morning she was in pain whenever awake. As she has to lie in one position she becomes very sore. She lies through the day on a lounge and goes to bed again at night fall. Mary thinks however that Lizzy's strength increases, and the Doctor also says that she is decidedly better than she was, and encourages the belief that she will before long come down stairs again and even drive out. Mary & I talked last monday in hopes that Lizzy would be well enough to go to Nahant again in July, and if she might have to seek out a milder climate next winter. But this morning Mary seemed to feel more discouraged; though later the afternoon both seemed to be in good spirits again. These pains are called neuralgic; and Lizzy seems to be extremely sensitive to changes of heat & cold & to be much better on hot days than she is on cooler ones. Her stomach is also very sensitive

& unsuitable food. She always takes her own very tightly and cheerfully and is more amiable than ever. Mary insists on doing everything for her except sometimes a little help from the servantgirl; & that there is nothing particular that I can do, though they seem pleased & take me here in the house. Mary's health seems & hold out pretty well & I hope, but there is always danger that she will overdo & is not very strong. She has had of late less sick headache than formerly, I understand, and perhaps it is partly in accordance with her having a less sedentary life. She gets up occasionally at night & see how she is getting on & do something for her, & the nurse [illegible] they have given me rooms & very pleasant [illegible] very where it is very quiet and [illegible] out of the way &c. — Mary just now says that Edgy's pain after all did last all the afternoon and eve, for [illegible] at the time of writing & ever about 10 o'clock. This is the first time apparently that the pain has lasted so long as about 24 hours; for the other attacks seemed & pass off in an hour or two. This afternoon she tried getting up, but could not, that for the 1st few minutes, but succeeded the last of 10 minutes & in the morning and again a little towards night, and was very proud of it, but you see there is not much strength. Mary thinks the greater coolness of the weather today has something & she will be glad, & it seems & become on such changes of weather, [illegible] much greater comfort. — I have been thinking going to Philadelphia next Saturday & taking [illegible] the 10:15 train & going directly to the Osborne's & [illegible], and of going Wednesday or Thursday & Lowmoor in Virginia for a few days & then returning here with a day in New York & Edgy at Uncle Edwards & look after getting my [illegible] things, the custom house inspection. But if Lizzy seems to be getting rather rapidly worse or if my presence here seems to be of any particular use I may yet put off the trip; and besides Uncle Edward who is [illegible] further information about it today. I have a very rare book about Japan in Latin, 250 years old, about 200 octavo pages that I would like to get you to translate into English as closely as good English will allow, with a view to [illegible] if you have leisure & do it. Can you do it? I should [illegible] to know & pay the expense. Getting the regular monthly [illegible] hands now keeping [illegible] I have my [illegible] from the publication [illegible] [illegible] Edgy's [illegible] [illegible] writing [illegible] [illegible] Brother [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Northampton, Mass., 3 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am much thanks for your very interesting favor of yesterday just received. Your ideas about the storing up and subsequent use of power lost in braking up and in going down grade strike me as very ingenious and indeed reasonable. I have not at this moment leisure to look into them as carefully as you were so kind as to do in regard to my suggestions about Compressed air in Spite of your unanswered objections. I had already remarked to me that I had made my figures four or five times as big as was necessary, and had suspected that my estimate of the effective power of coal was ten times too small. If so you are right. For the rate you give is about equal to a consumption of five pounds of coal an hour for each horse power. So that it would stand 20 000 000 ft lbs. per cubic foot of coal against 12 000 000 ft. lbs. minus the loss of the mixture for the cubic foot of Compressed air at 100 atmospheres. I think however that my impression that air had been used at that pressure must after all have been erroneous and based on that locomotive experimental tunnel to which you refer where the pressure was only 1000 lbs to the square inch. The cubic foot of coal would then give have about 25 times the effect of a cubic foot of Compressed air; and the case seems hopeless. Nevertheless there would be various economies in the use of air over the use of steam and fuel. But the weight of the receptacle would be enormous in the case of Compressed air, as the thickness according to your formula would appear to increase with the radius of the cylinder, and the cylinder's Diameter would increase as the square of that radius, making the weight increase as the cube of the diameter, just as the capacity does; would it not?

My visit to Virginia has no connection with the Meeting of the Institute of Mining Engineers which takes place this week in the same region, a little too early for me; but I go to Lexington

[illegible] Cambottera according to an agreement made on arriving in New York. I have seen in the Engineering and Mining Journal lately that Mr. Pumpelly has taken charge of some gold mines in Upper Canada, a project that he had in consideration some months before Alan [illegible] took me to Japan. The mines are said to be very promising indeed though new, and when he wrote he had already examined them.

It would indeed be very fine if we could meet occasionally, and chat about mechanical affairs though they are in reality rather out of my line and I am little to be called better than a mere amateur in regard to them, having mainly neglected them so long. We could talk over in personal interviews ... [illegible] many cherished schemes of the most astounding character to realize and be banished forever from my mind. One of them is a trunk beyond the plan which you say Prof. Morse has; for it is a true engine. I wished very much in passing through Paris to learn as I probably could have done if I had had time to go over quietly to the Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers) what that Frenchman's plan is for heating steam boilers by it; but perhaps it can be found described in some book or periodical here. I imagine that I may have some important improvement on his plan; but it cannot be taken up without all his attention to the subject he has overlooked it. But, as you suggest, how is it possible to give the proper attention to so many things, especially as in my case I have so much on hand to do in the way of writing up my Japanese geological notes to say nothing of prosecuting the study of Chinese and Japanese — really some of these things ought to be prosecuted, convicted and sentenced. We should beware about taking them up in the first place. It is to be feared that by degrees absorption in new American work will greatly interfere with the carrying on of these less practical

[illegible]

theatre pursuits ... [illegible] ... Mr. Wheeler at New York, and he appears to have just been appointed Consul General for China. — I am thinking of starting tomorrow morning for Philadelphia, and of getting back from Virginia in about ten days. — Please give my best regards to Mrs. Wheeler, and believe me always

Very truly yours Benj. Smith Lyman.

... by the way this is a mistake (including observer) & addressing me as Professor; it is [illegible] ... the honorable [illegible] College President or other professor, and it ought to be [illegible] ...

North Hampton, Massachusetts, 9 June, 1851

My dear Mrs. Godfrey:

I have long been owing you my many thanks for your very kind favor of the fourteenth of last March, which with its melancholy confirmation of your sad loss and its most welcome assurance of Mr. Godfrey's health reached me at Stamford Hill, London, shortly after my arrival there. I feared wearying you, and then was prevented from writing by hurried preparations for departure. I had counted upon visiting London this time, but gave up the plan and shortened my stay at Paris in consequence of the very alarming illness, which, still unhappily in progress, has terminated so fatally. It is a great change to you & home. London and settle down at Barnstable, but I trust you will find that you have taken a prudent & judicious course. Opportunities for good education for your children will be, I doubt not, excellent, & you will enjoy quiet & much as you choose. You can take opportunities with relatives, and my impression is that Mr. Crompton, living there & great in proportion to the place, that it would be at London. Have you seen Lizzie Gibbons? She recently visited Portland, & I believe is now in Boston. We unite in love to you and your husband & very much wish

1008 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 8 June

My dear Hamed.

I owe you many many thanks for your very kind favor received from [illegible] it was very thoughtful and [illegible] it. In spite of your being able to give me such a [illegible] it was done with very much [illegible] according to the newspapers has been [illegible] in bed. Here however it has been quite [illegible] Can & set out from here tonight [illegible] and go right through to Lowman and arrive there at five tomorrow afternoon. There will be [illegible] but I wished Frank in Washington [illegible] will direct to be given up unless the trains run to Hot Springs. Can be altered & we shall return back without special delay. The time will pass away here without my accomplishing [illegible] all that was intended. Sunday May and Lee [illegible] Philadelphia and dined at Mrs. Elliott's and [illegible] Charlotte was and have a good deal to do before [illegible] ing some of the old friends and places must be put off to another time; but it is sadly like that it will be possible [illegible] here again on the way back from Virginia. He declares all Deans to be very well, especially [illegible] Kenyon. She goes to [illegible] and attends to her work as usual and is as merry as ever. It is going up and down stairs that troubles her the most though she does that nearly the same as usual except that she takes only one step at a time. She is still going [illegible] next Saturday and the arrangements are all [illegible] Middle. Mr. Lea is still [illegible] Captain [illegible] Bradford and Brown [illegible] Mrs. Pettengill of Boston, [illegible] Mrs. Field. He has [illegible] that Mrs. Elliott [illegible] and Mrs. Carr & Mrs. Frank Lowman, Mary and Paul also [illegible] Virginia. [illegible] and Olyje are [illegible] affectionate [illegible] Lowman.

Philadelphia, 8 June, 1881.

Dearest Mary:

I was very glad to hear from you indirectly yesterday through your letter to Mary Lesley, & the very kind [illegible]. We are still expecting to sail on Saturday from New York and all the preparations & [illegible] are completed. The Weather here is extremely hot & [illegible] Philadelphia we but seem to get the sea breeze & [illegible] daily, & the Pennsylvania Railroad Station is [illegible] so as difficult in going about from here as [illegible] Yesterday I called upon Miss Wright, & [illegible] found that we [illegible] & the Misses Wright, a German lady whom [illegible] has known, and a friend of hers. She also has also two other excellent lady friends in the House. The time here flies away without our [illegible] in seeing old friends and places. Although there are many changes here there are fewer in proportion to the size of the place than in Northampton, & that on the whole everything seems very natural. Sunday Mary and I lunched with Mr. [illegible] and yesterday I & Mr. [illegible] and I go out to Mr. Lesley's having been prevented from doing so yesterday. Aunt Susan seems the upheaval busy with her charities and the door bell has [illegible] this afternoon and this evening. Mary will write of us & the Library as usual and works on mining engineering for the geological reports both here and at home. He thinks in fact to be the Librarian. At dinner every meal some one drops in. Miss [illegible] Whittier (name), a notable charity-woman, & Mrs. Thomas & [illegible] Mary Read and her daughter, & Mrs. Starkey with the [illegible] [illegible] We weather as reported in the newspapers continues very favorable & [illegible] [illegible] I start late this evening for Virginia and go right [illegible] Lovers & Friends. Business afternoon & [illegible] Mary address me [illegible] Alexandria, Loudoun, Alleghany County, Virginia. [illegible]

Philadelphia, 8 June, 1781.

Northampton, Mass., 16 June, 1881.

My dear Aunt Jean:

You are no doubt anxious to hear about Lizzy as soon as possible. Happily she is better today and today than she was on Tuesday or Wednesday. It seems that on Sunday night at midnight she was in great distress. Her [illegible] was very sore and pain to walk at all, and it has been causing us many anxious hours in the day. It is a new doctor who attends her, Dr. Roberts, but Lizzy likes him & he very well and he seems to be fertile in expedients to alleviate the pain. He has applied [illegible] externally and has made suggestions about food that seem successful and is very attentive. Dr. Roberts is to go on still a week or so, but he now doctor has written him full accounts of the progress of the case; and possibly [illegible] may think it best to hasten his return. Although they say Lizzy is improved in health from what she was two days ago, she looks & we think changed for the worse in many respects. Her face is now very thin and worn and without the good color she had four weeks ago and at times even pale. It would require the most efficient nourishment she appears to take would have the effect of staining her form. [illegible] Her head is free from pain, but at times she suffers intensely all over. She has walked across the room but little & but today, as I have this morning, and was anxious to get back to bed again. Now she is more comfortable, and looks very well. She has much less strength & is unable to sit up than she had a fortnight ago. Today at last she has really requested the taking of a regular nurse & we have Mary and Fanny who are more in the habit of getting out & two times each in the day & Mary Lizzy [illegible] Lizzy likes Mary & likes a woman of her own neighborhood & class & I rather like to bring one from the city. Of course it is much better to have a well trained nurse than to depend on Mary and Fanny, whose [illegible] & [illegible] may be of use [illegible] Mary and her mother will [illegible] very attentive [illegible]

Northampton, Mass; 17 June, 1861.

My dear Frank:

Please thank you very much for the telegram that reached Philadelphia day before yesterday afternoon, full hours before any [illegible]. I came on by the next train and arrived here early yesterday afternoon, and had the good fortune to find that Lizzy had been a good deal more comfortable for the past day or two. Nevertheless she looked much changed for the worse since only twelve days ago; and last night again the sad violent paroxysms of pain that would only be relieved by the opiate, which we were reduced low B's sleep comfortably most of the night & this morning. On Sunday and Monday nights last she had similar attacks, and they have now become so violent & so frequent that it seems hardly possible that she can endure them much longer, perhaps not many days even. Still, at other times she talks brightly and cheerfully.

I found the children & Lizzy all in Philadelphia, and in usual health, having spent Sunday with connections in Brooklyn, after staying there off on the Island on Saturday in good health and spirits with an agreeable steamer company, mostly Germans. I [illegible] Virginian perhaps; and hope to get more detailed information on points from perusing "A Virginia" [illegible] and other material that you kindly promised to send me. I am greatly indebted to you for a chance in this opportunity and [illegible] back was [illegible] about matters here, [illegible] and state of affairs just at that moment at Lawrence. Hoping that they may by this time have already begun to look more encouraging in some respects to Abbott, and that you will give my kind regards to him and Mrs. Wickes and Everett, and that [illegible] always

Yours affectionately, Geo. in Lizzy's behalf Truman.

Northampton, Mass. 7 June, 46.

My dear Mack

I wish you many thanks for both your letters, but especially the last, which was so kind & generous, and spoke such warm affection. I was as glad as I could be to hear that you had got safely to Philadelphia & found your friends well. You have perhaps already learned from Mr Norris that I left home rapidly well, again the last day and Saturday forenoon when I arrived in Hampton. That evening there was a violent paroxysm of pain, which I felt could only be relieved by an opiate; from which I suffered very much, but still and the next morning, the latter very much changed for the worse. It is now thirteen days, and we have all been & yet have never been more very frequent and to me, without it seems impossible to believe that he can endure them much longer. On my first arrival here a month ago, although he looked comparatively so well, it could not be denied that you were quite right in saying that he probably a question and few months, perhaps of a few weeks. Now it seems past all reasonable doubt that he will never be a preacher, & but a few weeks, perhaps of only a few days. Every week & day takes away some [illegible] and [illegible] more [illegible] and [illegible] gradually from the [illegible]

I feared Mary had left with you Saturday morning and could not see you; and the circumstances [illegible] to be referred to the present. The only cause for regret which I [illegible] might have been [illegible] which [illegible] Mary might have felt [illegible] be [illegible] where [illegible] Burking well and [illegible] Mrs Jarvis Cabot [illegible]

Northampton, Mass., 17 June, 881.

Dear James:

At Mary is doubtless so much occupied I write you about Lizzy I beg you to come & help us in the Valley affairs. The violet attacks of pain have now become very frequent and very severe, and on my return yesterday afternoon from Virginia it was very shocking how much she had changed for the worse in her appearance within twenty-four hours. Last evening again the sad paroxysms of pain similar to those that racked her so on Sunday and Monday nights and she could only be made comfortable by an opiate under the effect of which she slept well through the night and this morning. Wednesday and Thursday she was much better than Monday and Tuesday; but each of these attacks seems to leave her feebler and less able to rally from the next one. and her face and body very much emaciated, & grey coming to her locks with a wonderful rapidity. Mary now necessary & thinks may need the period mentioned then by Uncle Edward and I admit that it must be a question of a few weeks perhaps months or a few days. Fanny has been very kind in coming here & helping Mary night and day, and her attendance is always very welcome to Lizzy who dislikes to have any one about her. Mary thinks it would be well to have a professional nurse and then have one in town & neighborhood. We will probably be quite satisfactory, and more agreeable to Lizzy than one from N. etc. Edward & Virginia will.

In case you should be needed here I will write telegraph and for you will take the night, else [illegible] hope you will keep a pair of boots at hand trip to [illegible] in case there should be no time to send for you. Then the two of you might meet here in haste yesterday morning and could have seen you. Fanny has Mary and Mary is in deed very kind to

Affectionately [illegible]

Northampton, May 17th, 1861.

My dear Sanborn:

I am very sorry to have missed seeing Mrs Lyman & Northampton — I left home on Tuesday & my Mama the day before yesterday, and hoped we should be able to get back to Boston [illegible] & a little rest [illegible] but Papa is now so very low that it seems cruel, [illegible] to leave him any more than is absolutely necessary. We probably leave here Sat. or Mon. & will be in Boston Sunday and Monday evening. Papa is very much better than he was when I wrote last Sunday, & his letter yesterday, [illegible] was in appearance [illegible] a dozen days ago. He still has a pain in his right side & cough, which however is much relieved by an opiate, which however makes him [illegible] & he sleeps all the morning.

As soon as possible I will [illegible] Mrs Lyman & Round Hill in order [illegible] & get [illegible] and learned from her that you were expecting to be here before the end of this month, and that I would [illegible] pleasure from seeing you [illegible].

Please give my best regards to your wife, and believe me always

Very affectionately yours
Mary Lyman.

Northampton, Mass., 9th June, 1841.

My dear Sarah,

I owe you many many thanks for
[illegible] kind and [illegible] letter of the [illegible]
February but it [illegible] [illegible] and while at [illegible]
I had [illegible] Sunday afternoon. You know one of your
friends of mine [illegible] and above all I found me
by the warm kindness with [illegible] you. All this you
promise me confidently a double welcome if ever I should
bring with me [illegible] lovely lady as the [illegible].

On the day I was [illegible] by a [illegible] and [illegible]
day afternoon, returned from [illegible] and [illegible]
with many a [illegible] that [illegible] was over. Nearly [illegible]
was better again on Wednesday and yesterday [illegible] strong.
for the worst is [illegible] was very [illegible] I [illegible]
face, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
her Uncle with a [illegible] and threatening. These
attacks have now become frequent and violent and leave
her everything [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sally, [illegible]
[illegible] attack, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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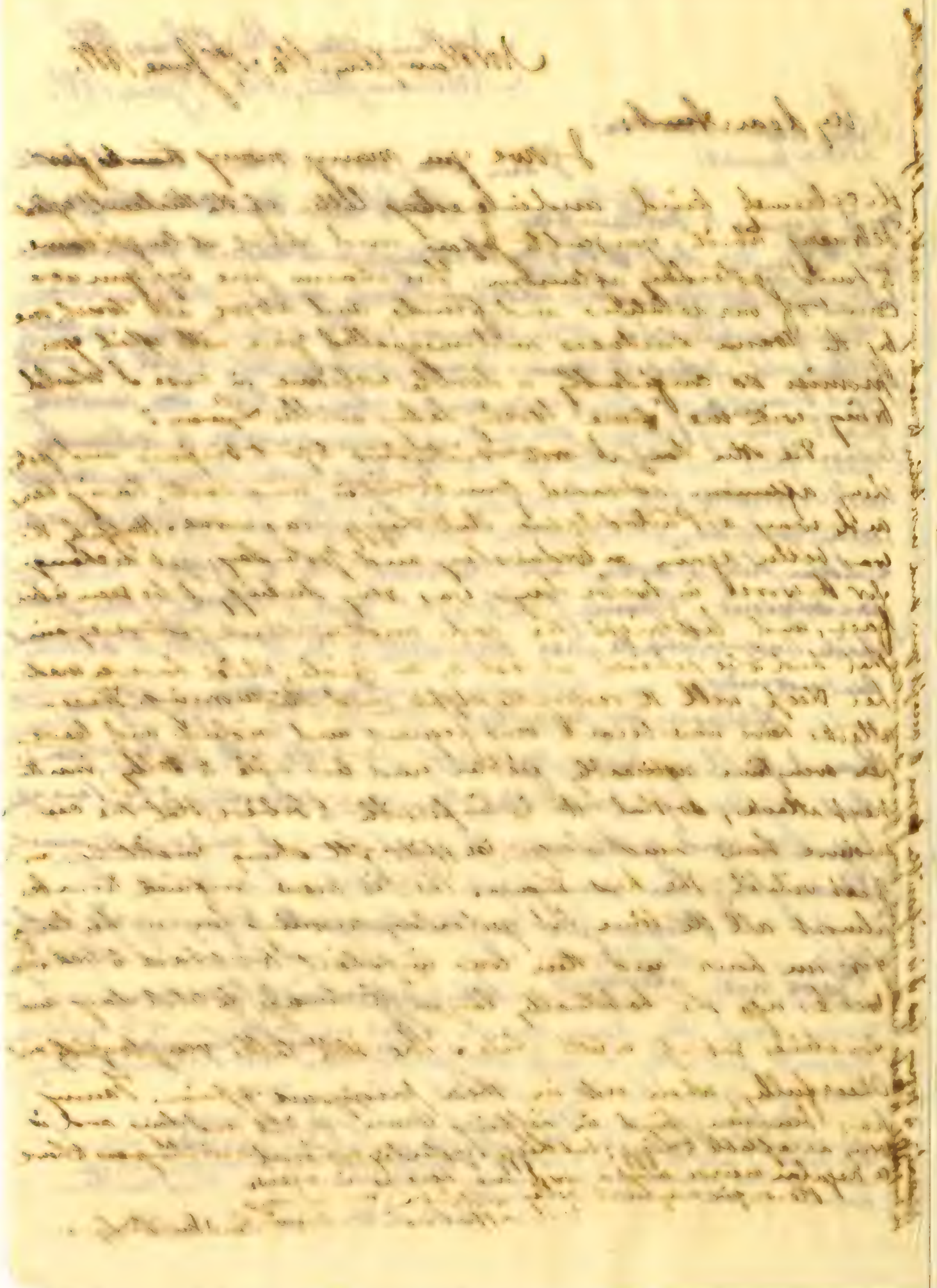

Northampton, Mass; 19 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Trautwine:

I have to thank you very much indeed for the beautiful copy of your excellent "Engineer's Field Book" which I received here night before last just as I was setting out for a short trip to Boston. I am delighted to find the really extraordinary merits of your work are so well appreciated by the public that new editions are so frequently necessary, and am filled with admiration at the conscientious zeal and patience with which you continue to revise and improve the work.

Now can you not revise and improve your bodily health with equal painstaking and come on to New England and Northampton and jog about among the hills and fine landscapes here in the Connecticut Valley for a while instead of attending to the successful launching of the new edition? I heard nothing of the coal mining company you spoke of in Pennsylvania, but had a pleasant journey through all that region and on the way back passed a night in Philadelphia last Wednesday evening.

Still hoping to see you some day, I am

Yours very truly,

Hampton Ville, Va. June 19th 1861.

My dear Mr. Armstrong:

I have a few
very moments before the Steamer sails
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Northampton, Mass; 19 June, 1877.

My dear Mr. Lesquereux:

Your very kind and interesting favor of the 7th ult. (last February) has been forwarded from Japan and has become a friend here within the last three days; and even without this additional occasion for renewing my cherished thanks to you I shall for some time have been struggling for a convenient opportunity to inform you that I returned home safely from Japan by way of Europe a month ago. Since that, I have made a short trip to Philadelphia and to some mineral lands in Virginia and West Virginia returning last Tuesday, and again had to go to Boston and got back finally last night. My elder sister is now for some time to be with me here and I expect to stay here for the present.

Whatever you write about the Japanese plant fossils is of great interest; and appears to make out the coal bearing rocks of the Miocene, even newer than formerly conjectured. Of the specimens mentioned in your letter, those from Mine, Kibai, Nippasomanai and Hakiambets are all from the coal bearing rocks of Yezo; but the Hakiambets ones named I believe from the lowest part of the 6000 ft section given on one map of the Ishikari Coal field, and are not far distant from the Cretaceous animal fossils that were mentioned in my last letter. The specimens "Lunoia" are very distant from Yezo and not found in it; and are mentioned at the bottom of page 40 of my last printed report of Progress for 1878 and 1879, and conjectured by me to be newer than the coal bearing rocks of Yezo. It may very well be that the two series

Harrisburg, Pa., June 17, 1881.

My dear Mr. Culbertson:

Your very kind note of the 15th
inst. is received, and I thank you for your
very kind expressions in regard to my
recent illness. I am now entirely recovered
from it, and have resumed my duties
at the Capitol. I am very glad to
learn that you are coming to Harrisburg
on the 28th inst., and hope that you will
be able to remain with us for a few days.
I shall be pleased to have you meet
Governor Pattison, and I know he will be
glad to see you. Please tell me when
you will arrive, so that I may meet you
at the depot.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

rocks containing coal in Yezo, and I think the oil of Hokkaido may not be very different in age so that many of the fossil may be alike in both, while coal-beds, seem to be somewhat local. It is also not impossible that rocks with no other coal-bearing rocks may exist near Nemuro and that no coal is known there. Probably these fossils in Matsuda's hands belong to the same horizon.

Whenever convenient you might send the box of fossils back to the "Kaitakushi, Shiba, Yedo, Japan" by express as I suppose that would be safer than by mail or freight. There is no need to send it that way (or speak twice) and I will see that you are the expense so that I may at once see you at once. I have no agent at San Francisco.

I should be very much pleased if you would make the results of your examination of the fossils public in any way that you think best, as a paper for the Geological Society, or Nature. If you should not care to take so much trouble I should, after a fashion, like to publish at my own expense the information you have given in your last two letters, but there may be some delay in my doing so conveniently, as I should wish to append it to some geological note of my own that I hope to finish preparing and to publish after a time.

My indebtedness to you for your favors is much increased by the fact that you work while ill and thereby on account of illness. But I trust that you are before this fully recovered and would beg to ask whether we may not hope sometime this summer to see you here in Nagasaki again! On account of your severe illness it is impossible to ask you here to Sannai, but I should be delighted to have you as my guest at the hotel on Round Hill, which is near the mines and has beautiful views from its windows. Meanwhile believe me always Affectionately yours Benjamin Lyman

Northampton, Mass., 19 June, 1881.

Mr. Richard Wood,
No. 400 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

My dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your favor of the nineteenth of last February inclosing to me from Mr. Keyser of 4 May, 1877, which came to hand only three days ago after being forwarded from Japan. I arrived in America about a month ago on my return from abroad, and expect to stay here for the present in my native place, on account of illness in the family; but would have taken pains to call on you in Philadelphia a few days ago in passing through to visit some mineral lands in Virginia if I had known of your residence in advance.

What Mr. Keyser writes of the importance of utilizing the water powers of Kioto is still more true of other places, that exist in the mountainous portions of the island of Japan, where (as I have frequently urged to the Japanese) not only great power for mills could be obtained by damming the rivers but the navigation of the streams could be most advantageously improved at the same time, a matter that the Japanese, much more than the Chinese, need to consider in railroads. The pamphlet which Mr. Keyser generously did not come to hand, and, as I do not expect to return to Japan, could now perhaps be too late; but if you should feel inclined to send me a more copies of the same I would suggest to you to address Mr. K. I. Otori, Chief Secretary of the Public Works Department, Tokio, Japan, a gentleman in high official position who is more intelligently conversant with engineering matters than almost any other Japanese and has in his charge the Engineering College, attached to which there is a

[illegible] guide-[illegible] and pamphlet of Mr. Keyser and [illegible]

Very truly yours, [illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 20 June, 1881.

To the Postmaster
at Yokohama, Japan.

Dear Sir:

Please forward anything for me to me at Northampton, Massachusetts, United States of America, and in case prepayment of postage be required, please notify by Wm. Merriam, Esq., No. 33 Water Street, Yokohama; and oblige

Yours very truly,
Rev. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass.; 20 June, 1881.

To the Postmaster
at Leds, England.

Dear Sir:

Please forward anything for me to me at Northampton, Massachusetts, United States of America, and oblige

Yours very truly,
Rev. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass., 29 June, 1881.

To the Postmaster
at Wakefield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Please forward everything for me to
at Northampton, Hampshire, until Sept 1 thereafter,
and in case Postmaster-General is requested, please
file & register, Mass., 1893 Sept. Post
Wakefield; and oblige

Yours very truly,
Chas. Frank Adams

Northampton, Mass., 29 June, 1881.

To the Postmaster
at Paris, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Please forward everything for me to
at Northampton, Hampshire, until Sept 1 thereafter,
and oblige

Yours very truly,
Chas. Frank Adams.

Northampton Mass; 20 June, 1881.

Messrs. Merrilyon, Heimann & Co.,
No 33 Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Gentlemen:

In case any letters or papers for me should come into your hands I beg you will forward them to me at Northampton, Massachusetts, United States of America, where I safely arrived safe and sound; and by so doing you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,
Benj: Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass; 20 June, 1881.

To A. Herbert Hackwell Esq.
Publisher of the Japan weekly Mail,
No 16 Bund, Yokohama, Japan.

Dear Sir:

Please change the address of my copy of your Weekly Mail from Yokohama to Northampton, Massachusetts, United States of America; and oblige

Yours very truly,
Benj: Smith Lyman.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of your
pamphlet "Hints for Settlers in Montmorette, Ont."
Montmorette: Land Office, Dept. of Agriculture.

Yours very truly,
[illegible]

N. W. Hampstead, Mds.; 21 June, 881.

Dear James:

Something like the consideration you suggest in regard to your position as teacher or counsellor you have received this morning, and received same; and I suppose it would be necessary to obtain the permission of Bishop Grant to which you are probably responsible. Of course if in his opinion the proposed plan essentially violated the Church's decrees, we might have to give up the idea; but perhaps the end would justify under the circumstances in allowing it, as was probably done in the case of Father's acquiring the reversionary claims in Lindsay stead a few years ago. It seems to me quite possible that you are right in estimating the present value of your claim upon the ground at more than $50; and I hope I did not appear to underestimate that my estimate was at that amount. The girls indeed do appear to have considered it less than $50; and they spoke of it so in preparing the plan for me. For my part I am very willing to let you estimate it yourself at what seems fair to you.

You do not seem exactly to hanker after the job of translating that Latin book; and I am surprised, for it struck me that it would be more convenient and quite as much in your line as teaching pupils in Latin, and capable of being arranged so as perhaps even less interfere with your law studies. Naturally it would not be so interesting to you to make the translation if the book had no merit; but of course in my opinion it has, or the plan would not have been proposed.

Lizzy has been much more comfortable the past week and takes more nourishment now, but is still very low.

Your affectionate Brother Geo. Smith Ingram.

Harrisburg, Pa., [illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 21 June, 61.

Fred.k D. Hilch Esq.
Shanghae.

Dear Fred.

I owe you many thanks for your trouble in sending me the photolithograph copy of Morrison's drawing, received this morning, which I fear may have given you too much bother.

Since writing you at Calcutta, after a fortnight's [illegible] I came by rail to Bombay, then p.r P. & O. Steamer Pekin to Galle, met by Henry Gr. Crabbe & Mr. Degner & sailed to Suez; then [illegible] days at Cairo & on the city and neighborhood including the pyramids, then moved to P. & O. Steamer Tanjore & Paris, after three or four days there and one Sabbath and night at Trieste, all mostly rainy and cold, went to Paris & [illegible] rain here for a time & finding Spring and summer weather, then after the arrival of my numerous boxes at the end of a month, by the Pereire & the Fulton line of steamers to Havre, [illegible] Mary was very ill. In Paris I had the pleasure of many several times Chh. & Mrs. Delano, Sara and Laura, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Hale and Jim Griffin, Roosevelts, & Mr. Peirce. Had the company of [illegible] & found him very agreeable. Saw one or two American ones in the street but only [illegible]

Green Street, Northampton, Mass, 22 June, 61

Messrs. Codman & Shurtleff,
Tremont Street, Boston.

Gentlemen:

Please send me by express a "Water-house Bed Rest", collecting the price on delivery, and oblige

Yours truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman

Northampton, Massachusetts, 22 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Kada:

I have to thank you very much for your two favors of 7 March and 13 April, both received duly, and for the Liri Valley, and for the account of money spent for me, which you wrote to Bangkok and was duly received there. I am very much pleased indeed to get the good and full description that you give of matters at Hiraiwa Shoen in Japan, for naturally they are all of great interest to me. It is particularly pleasing to find how faithfully you have worked on the maps and that they are now almost done. I am also much interested in all you write about our forwardness, about the old house and garden at Hiraiwa Shoen, and about the former household there. I suppose that you and your excellent wife and niece will continue to live just as you have lived from there, and perhaps by this time your nephew (that very intelligent man) and your very bright and pretty niece have come to live with you there.

I neglected to write to you from Paris because I was so soon coming to America and a letter would reach you so much more quickly from here. After staying a fortnight at Salt Lake I went by railroad to Omaha (1000 miles), and then by steamer to Fort [illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts, 22 June, 1886.

My dear Mrs. Mabie:

Many thanks for your most
kind letter of March and [illegible], both received since,
and for the Zeta Psi[illegible], and for the account of meeting Phi,
Mr. Mabie you must be thoroughly rewarded then. I
am very sorry Professor Gilbert kept his word and read
description that you gave of meeting at Hinsdale Chap-
ter, for nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. U.
It is particularly pleasing to feel that faithfully you have
worked in the ranks and helping our new material there.
I am also much interested in college work [illegible]
[illegible], about the old days and [illegible] of Phi-
Kappa Chapter, and about its present [illegible].
I suppose that you read your excellent wife's [illegible]
Century & like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
in this time upon Hostess that may [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].

Hospitable [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

days in that city and its neighborhood including famous pyramids of Egypt. Then after two weeks of steamer travel by steamer & railroad in Northern Italy, spent three days there in seeing the famous churches and palaces and pictures and marbles, then went by railroad to Milan and spent two days there to see the very celebrated cathedral & picture gallery, and some other interesting things there. Then came by railroad to Paris stopping one night at Turin where there was very little to see, and going through the Mont Cenis tunnel eight miles long. I arrived at Paris on the fifth instant and came away on the sixth getting home from Havre on the 8th. I did not stay in Paris as long as I had expected to, because when I came there that my sister Hetty was very ill, and it was advisable to hasten home soon. I arrived here about 10 PM Friday, and found her indeed very feeble, but in no immediate danger. After spending a pleasant week here I went for a short visit to Philadelphia for a week, and to see certain manufacturers in Trenton and West Virginia which I had been requested to visit when I arrived in New York. During my absence my wife became worse and I found on my return all the indications of danger. It seems hardly possible that she can live many weeks and perhaps she may not many months. Since coming back from Virginia I have been made a very handy trip to Boston to find a cabinet maker. I have also made a visit to Port in the interest of [illegible] and to Rockford to see [illegible] I have had something to do with the [illegible]

Northampton, Mass; 23 June, 1861

My dear Frank:

I am still studying up and working
self the subject of the Lawmoor iron ore deposits. I am able
to demonstrate that the ore underlies the Clays to Penn. and
ba. No VIII, and that it holds closely the same position, also
as in Pennsylvania at a number of places described by Fon.
Rogers in his Iron Manufactures Guide (published in 1859). He then
thought the ore to have been originally carbonate — primary, and there
it is still to at several places; and I am pretty well satisfied
that it must have been carbonate wherever it is found in a bed
stratified between strata of the present formation in place. It
seems to me that a deposit formed from waters discommingled
through flakes would be only at the outcrops and points where the original
rock beds; for how could the vastly greater quantity of clay matter
become so thoroughly separated from the ore as to leave it a bed by
itself? The sandy matter found in your ore beds must have existed as
impurities in the carbonate and remains essentially in its original
position. In Pennsylvania the ore is accompanied by "clay
limestone"; and it has occurred to me that even at Lawmoor the
clay underlying the ore may be more or less calcareous.
Have you ever tested it? Or can you not send test it (and
perhaps some of the clay or shale above too) and see whether there
not a little effervescence with acids? If there should turn out
to be some traces of calcareous matter the fact would be of value
tho' it is not essential to proving the age of the ore. If you could let
me know the result at your early convenience, and could send me or mention
me to that printed pamphlet of Mr Wilson's with its map and it's analyses
of clay strata

Yours truly and sincerely

Monmouth, Illinois, 23 June, 1861.

My dear Friend:

I am still studying my next meeting with the Judge & Governor when we shall
[illegible] that we are summoned for Friday & then [illegible]
[illegible] No VIII and Vol II of the Library of Some Pieces [illegible]
[illegible] in Pennsylvania & was published in 1791. At this
[illegible] he was Clerk [illegible] Prothonotary [illegible]
[illegible] Bill in Chancery; and I am really well satisfied
[illegible] must have been confined-bleeding in some of the
[illegible] letters. This [illegible] pinnacle in Chas. H
[illegible] Stone would be only with [illegible] & the original
work left; for then could it hardly speak quantity [illegible]
because so thoroughly defaced from it as to leave it a [illegible]
[illegible]? The Study another Journal is [illegible] Mrs Speeds
[illegible] is rendered and [illegible] in the original
[illegible]. The Young Lawyer is not in circulation by [illegible]
[illegible]; until then [illegible] Have Mrs Browning [illegible]
Clay [illegible] we are [illegible] & [illegible] Reference.
Have you seen Butler & Ives [illegible] Vol II [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & Clay [illegible]) another [illegible]
with a little difference with [illegible]? Either should [illegible]
[illegible] Some Views of Coleman's [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] Bill is not [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 25 June, 1861.

My dear Dr. McCartee:

Many thanks for your favor received last evening. I do not understand how I could have written the number wrongly in superscribing my last letter to you, for it was written clearly enough in the date your previous favor; but it is no matter, that in that your name appears in the number the letter would not have come into the hands of any person who would have recognized your name. At the time writing I was full upon the pleasure of seeing you as I passed through Brooklyn on my way from Virginia to Philadelphia, but word came to Philadelphia that my sister was much worse and I had to start home two days ago. Happily she was better then, but she had changed very much for the worse in both legs, and seems to be failing on the whole since that, though some days rather better.

You speak of Mr. Chase's letter, which I saw at Washington, as likely to come perhaps to New England this summer and I intended to visit paper and needle making machinery. I should be very glad to see him again and do what I can to help him and [illegible] this way; for Holyoke (eight miles below here) is one of the principal paper making places in America and we have a paper mill here in Northampton, one of the oldest establishments of the kind in America, but lately rebuilt after fire, and I shall be glad to see the newest and most improved kind. Thread is also made in Holyoke, across the river from Northampton, and at East Hampton four miles from here. Perhaps Mr. Chase would find it convenient to make his head quarters at the Round Hill hotel (the best in town, with magnificent views) and visit there and numerous other manufactories with [illegible] woolen, worsted and silk mills over [illegible] to be made. I shall be disappointed

prejudice against him as a foreigner, for the young men to you who have been students in this town seem to have made a very good name for their nationality here and to have been very much liked. I have not met any of them yet & understand that three or four are still left. There are also two Canadian here who do not have even understood Parisian politeness, and do not seem to have polished their manners (though good natured) to any certain extent, as they are from Montreal per Sandwich Island or could it be the Canadian Athens. Athens is a nice place to emigrate to America for, & not this journey & mineral lands in Virginia and West Virginia and Kentucky the notes taken here has hardly enlightened me. I am afraid I am forgetting Greek & compare very favorably in rapidity with the learning there will be generally, as I believe I left Athens. I shall have the feeling that it led me to the study of Chinese and Japanese in Asia seem likely to lead me to neglect it here and became absorbed in modern Greek as usual. Before completely bankrupting, however I have a great mind to send to Hachette for a fine copy of Planche's first edition that I saw in Paris at 300 francs - in which he pronounces I have the second edition, both in ordinary form and in photo-lithographic, but find the syllabic arrangement extremely inconvenient without a knowledge of his pronunciation, or even with it, for reference book. Yet his definitions seem to be far better and more [illegible] than Littré's. I suppose the latter has the same edition of that book would be useful; but the first part, arranged according to the radicals turns out to be lacking in his copy. I got Redhouse's complete dictionary in Paris; but have not used it yet, and do not know how well it would take the place of Planche's. As for ability & "read, mark and inwardly digest" both is time is a great draw back, but it is a great convenience any how to have books at hand to refer to, even if you cannot read them through. - Bennie's last letter I stopped over a train at Washington, and called on the Capranos, who inquired with much interest after you and your family. They talk of coming north this summer. I wish you would - going to Troy, and expect to learn that you have. General Hill is such a light and airy [illegible] "merely". Your literary work however must be [illegible] Speak of [illegible] anything that would help [illegible] Perrangeon's [illegible] with Williams' Primer & Williams' Grammar & Williams' Reader & Williams' Bentley's and Williams & Knight's. Williams' Grammar is the best I [illegible] of the dialects in different centuries. I will first send you the text book [illegible] with English & Latin & Greek notes. Please give my best compliments to Mrs. [illegible] Hoping to hear very truly from you soon

Yours truly
Charles Short

Northampton, Mass., 26 June, 81.

My dear General:

You wished me to inquire about the price of board at the Round Hill Hotel here, and I am now able to give an answer, and enclose the card of the hotel with a view of the building. The front of the building as seen in the picture is on the hill facing the east and overlooking one of the finest views in the world. The building is entered on the other side, where the road, and just across the road a fine, large grove. Being 40 ft. above the ground (not well represented in the picture) one is more than above the ground on the eastern front than on the western. We have rooms in the eastern front, because of the view; but those in the western are slightly cooled, though there is still very hot weather here sometimes, and the west end of the building is the southern end as seen in the picture, which was originally erected building and is very thick. The hotel keeper says his rates are: for one transient guest, say three or four days, three dollars a day; for a whole week, $12½ a day; for two guests a whole week $35; for two guests in one room, two weeks or more, $20 & $28 a week according to the merits of the room. For example, in the room I have marked "a" in the picture, the price would be $28 a week for two guests for two weeks or more. That room is sixteen feet square, is in the first story of the western part, has a beautiful view, a good double bed, & unlimited flowing water. The room "b" is still larger and has one connected with it by a door that is equally large and has the same view; and the two were lately occupied by two ladies who also had a maid in a separate room and paid altogether including board full three sixty dollars a week. The room "c" for a single guest with board I think would be $15 a week. In case you should stay more than a month the prices would be still lower, as I understand. The statement with advertisement on the card do not seem to be exaggerated in any respect; and much might have been added about the charming views to be seen in driving about for several miles in almost every direction. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Cabras. Hoping that you will conclude to come here and regretting very much that my wife's illness prevents me from inviting you to our private house, I am

My dear General, Very truly yours. Geo. F. Comer.

Northampton, Ms.; 26 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Penhallow:

Your very welcome favor of the 28th of last November was forwarded to me from Japan and came to hand on the way home; for you see I left Yedo after all, hard as it was to pulling stakes, on the 23 of last December and came here by the way of Shanghai (where I stayed a fortnight), Hongkong, Canton, Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Moulmein, Rangoon (with a few days in the interior of Burma), Calcutta (with a fortnight's visit), Bombay, Suez, Cairo (five days to see the city and Pyramids and the neighborhood), Alexandria, Venice (with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]), Turin (one night), Paris (a month) and Havre. So the journey took a long time and I arrived about five weeks ago. Since that then a fortnight since, I went to Philadelphia and to see some mineral lands in Virginia and West Virginia, and, after an absence of twelve days that time, made a flying trip of 24 hours to Boston, but had no time to go and pay you my respects in Charlestown. My elder sister is very ill here, and that was the occasion of my coming home from Europe and from Philadelphia with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] otherwise [illegible] been the case, and of not being able to stay longer at Boston (then in fact I went in search of a nurse); and I expect to stay here now for some time to come. As you and your wife have sometimes [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible] need to hope the the pleasure of seeing you in this part of the State some time summer. I congratulate you very much on having such a fine healthy boy, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing him before long. Please give my compliments to your wife, and believe me always

Yours very truly

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Massachusetts, 26 June, 1854.

My dear Mr. Adachi:

I thank you very much indeed for your very welcome favor of the fourth of last February, which came to hand on my arrival at Paris in April. All that you write about yourself, about my other assistants, about my former household, about Yedo and Japan is extremely interesting to me and will always be most gratefully appreciated. It was a great pity (for me) that you and Mr. Kawada did not arrive earlier in Yedo, so that we might have met again, but it was a very good thing that you came at last to Yedo instead of staying all winter in the mountains of Hizen; for you have doubtless learned much more in the city and have accomplished more for the benefit of the government than you could have done among the snowy mountains. Probably by this time you have returned to Hizen to continue your surveys, and I trust that you are both enjoying the interesting geological work and free country life in the pure mountain air there. That is one advantage of going to the city in winter, the summer's work is entered upon with increased zest and zeal.

My last letter to you was written at Calcutta, where I spent a fortnight most agreeably in renewing my recollections of the place and seeing old friends again. But it grew rapidly warmer at that time and I hastened away, going by railroad to Bombay 1400 miles, in 60 hours. Bombay seems to a traveller in passing to be more interesting in some respects than Calcutta. It is cleaner, and within the last fifteen years has perhaps been more adorned with fine new public buildings; and the peculiar customs and costumes of the natives are more striking, especially women are more frequently seen in the streets than at Calcutta, and in general more gaily dressed in brilliant colors [illegible] nearly universal at Calcutta. There is also a hill at Bombay [illegible] good place for fine dwelling houses and a wide view [illegible]

Wellington, Massachusetts, 25 June, 1888.

My beautiful Nicole:

I found you very much indeed for
you are welcome [illegible] to [illegible], which does
stand in my funeral at Paris in April. We [illegible] must
adopt yourself, adopt your wife Henriette, adopt my poor
Annabella, adopt Nathaniel Lyon & infinitely intensify
Mrs. and will always be most joyfully welcomed. Mrs
a great help (to me) that you [illegible]. Annabella did not adore
Nathaniel in vain, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a very great thing that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Nathaniel Lyon Henriette upon Annabella, and I trust Nathaniel
one day enjoying the intoxicating [illegible] with [illegible]
life as the pure mountain air does. Thanks me [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

My last letter of you was written at Stockholm, where I
[illegible] a particularly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

arriving however only in time and a half at Bombay. We left
by the P & O Oriental Co's (English) steamer for Suez, taking
[illegible] days
of 4 days on the way. Aden is a remarkably hot and dry place
where it seldom rains. But the days we were there we had the extraordinary
fortune to see a very heavy shower. It is a strong British fortress
near the mouth of the Red Sea. The whole voyage from Bombay
[illegible] days. From Suez a number of us took passage on board
a Cairo eleven miles down the river, and spent some days
in seeing the city, the Pyramids, Memphis, and the neighborhood
[illegible]. The customs and costumes here are
different again from those in India though more like them
than like those of Europe. Egypt, like Japan, is pleased to have
European customs and methods, and the Government has a
number of Europeans and Americans in its service, among
them very high officials (Prussian, and mixed, Turkish) and
some of them have held such positions for very many years.
For the service is a permanent one and not [illegible] changes.
From Cairo I went by railroad in four or five hours to Alexandria and
spent about two days there. It is much more like a European city
than Cairo is, and has little of it that is interesting to see. From there
I sailed in another English steamer of the Peninsular & Oriental Company for Venice,
touching at Brindisi, a voyage of four or five days altogether. Venice is
built on low islands near the coast and has many canals in all directions
so that you can go nearly everywhere in boats, and they have very
nice boats for the purpose called gondolas; and there are no horses
nor carriages in the whole city. Venice is also celebrated for its
[illegible] buildings, churches and palaces, several hundred years old
and its fine pictures. It is about [illegible] hours from Venice to Turin. From
there I went by railroad to Milan and spent two days there. It has a very
large and very magnificent cathedral and a few other celebrated
objects of interest which I [illegible] to the great [illegible]. From Milan Italy was
rainy and cold as far as Modane where I changed to the railroad through Switzerland
(where there is little to see, and where I had only two nights) to Paris, by way
of the Mont Cenis Tunnel, eight miles long through which the train runs about 20 minutes
[illegible] though the tunnel. There is no good reason
why you do not notice the change from the engine fresh air to the railroad cars.
At Paris I spent a month with great enjoyment for it is a most
beautiful city, and I found my old friends there cordially kind, and
found also some very friendly relatives there. [illegible] they were
[illegible] but learned that [illegible] were very [illegible]
from Havre & New York. After [illegible] weeks I went to [illegible]
[illegible] survey or to manufacture [illegible] mineral [illegible]
[illegible] angle and [illegible] of the [illegible] Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] as the [illegible] Co's [illegible] for a [illegible] year [illegible]
[illegible] Valencia [illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts, 2 Jan. 1871

My dear Mr. Nishigama:

I owe you very many thanks for your favor of the seventh of last March, which gave me much very interesting information. It came to hand a few days before I left Paris. It is indeed impossible to tell one too much about matters in Yedo, particularly about our former assistants and my old household; it is all very highly appreciated and very gratefully received. On my side, with a more regular life in future, it is to be hoped, there will be greater promptness in answering your very welcome favors.

In writing you in Calcutta I came by way of Bombay, Suez, &c. viz: Alexandria, Venice, Milan, Turin, Paris and Havre. To America, landing at New York. Spending five days at Cairo gave me a chance to see that very interesting city and its neighborhood and especially the great pyramids of Egypt. At Alexandria there is very little to see, particularly now that they have carried off Pelisk called Cleopatra's needle to New York as a gift from the Egyptian government. Alexandria too is more like a European city than like an oriental one, and is therefore less peculiar and attractive in the eyes of us western men. Italy is full of most interesting objects of art and of fine specimens of architecture, and Venice is one of the most celebrated of its cities. As it is built on islands off the sea coast and has many canals, boats are used instead of carriages and there are no horses in the city; and it is consequently, as you must notice, as still as a place could be. Heaven-without sound or smell 鼻無聲無臭之天上. So Shakespeare says

four days there to see the beautiful old palaces and churches and pictures. At Milan there is a famous cathedral very large & loud, all of white marble and covered with many hundred statues of saints; and there are one or two other places of interest in the same city, so I spent two days there & saw them. Passing through Turin & Modane we did not see the city as it is a modern place and as I had not a great deal of time to delay & detain me longer. We got to Paris in time to dine at St Martin's Tunnel is traversed, eight miles long, the train taking twenty minutes to go through. However the ventilation is very good indeed and no smoke is noticed even when the carriage window is open. There are other many other tunnels on the same road, some of which would seem very long in other countries. Paris is a very beautiful city and it is almost an endless amusement to go about it and see its numerous places of interest, its public buildings and monuments, its gardens and parks, its statues and fountains, its scientific and artistic museums. In the month I had there, I was only possible to refresh my memory a little of some of these principal things and to see what changes had been made in the past twenty years, during which time there has been great activity in building new streets, and more real work is now going on than ever before. Also I was greatly delighted by the kindness of my old friends there. I went daily down to the Printing School, where the magnificent welcome they gave me brought back to me the days of long ago. I had intended to stay longer at Paris, but learned that my eldest sister was very ill here, and so I hastened home. For a time she seemed in serious danger, so after a fortnight here I went for a hasty trip to Philadelphia and to make a rapid examination of the mineral lands in West Virginia and West Virginia that was requested immediately on my return; but having others needs again from me about 10 days I left for Paris. I shall probably stay here now for some time & shall go to Switzerland before I return to Paris & go along for a long stay. Please remember me most kindly to your wife, my former [illegible]

Northampton, Mass.; 27 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Lesley:

I was very glad to hear from Prof. Edward (who was here last evening) that you are going to Utah this season, as it is intended to survey Nevada and Utah. Nevada will be the more satisfactory of the two, as anything I can do for Utah will make my efforts pretty much useless — wholly superseded except as the little information I have may serve you as a check upon it here and there and may help towards orienting you at first. I suppose therefore that you should not start off before receiving what I have been preparing in the way of a report on the geology of the Uinta Mts. and with a little sketch-map of a portion of it and some columnar sections, all will be in readiness to report about thirteen pages so far. If you are in a hurry for them they can be copied at short notice; but I am just ordering that "Caligraph" writing machine that I intended to get on my trip through Philadelphia but couldn't on account of the rain, and if I can get to using it the copy will be much more readily legible than manuscript. I have but little to write about the places; and particularly about those that Mr. Gilbert is surveying it seems worth while to write anything, as his survey is so much more complete than any purpose, nevertheless as I am already pledged in so far that I might as well make no more. Returning over a railroad, as you do, perhaps will be best to omit what little remains. But if I had known earlier that you were going I should probably have merely handed over to you a rather illegible MS. and map and left you to deal with my Oriental journals instead of posting myself up in Nevada geology, and thus under great disadvantages for such work to do so.

Lizzy seems to be failing gradually though some days is more comfortable than others. Last night was a miserable, sad one. Please give my love to Mrs. Lesley. Hoping that you will all be well and that you have good news from the girls, I am always

Very affectionately yours,

Jas. D. Dana

Northampton, Mass.; 27 June, 1871.

To the Wm. C. Bryant Co.,
Publishers of the Evening Post,
No. 208 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a post office money order in your favor for three dollars; and in return please send me here your daily edition as long as the money lasts; and oblige

Yours truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass., 27 June, 1911.

To the Hon. C. Heywood &c.,
Building Act Commissioner,
No. 209 Bromfield, Northampton.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a duplicate permit for ... have ... for ... building; and in ... I have ... clearly ... as to ... and ... and ...

Yours truly,

Per ... Clerk.

Northampton, Mass., 27 June, 81.

Messrs. Collins & Travis,
No 137 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a draft in your favor for eighty dollars; and in return please send me here (if you can do so safely) one of your telegraphs & a work with most gothic "type and stock &c, at your earliest convenience.

I am the former Maryland agent whom [illegible] from you were so kind as to give some information about the machine some three weeks ago, and I intended to make it [illegible] on my way back to Virginia, but find it rather [illegible] the city at night. Pray therefore that, if you think best, you will give me any further hints as to the use of the machine. In the specimens of small roman and small gothic letters that you kindly gave me, the small gothic seems a little deficient in weakness, but chiefly, I would seem, on account of the blurring of the letter E. Is that unavoidable with that kind of type, or was it due to the gummy state of the types at that particular moment?

Please send me also, as a sample, a quire of the thin paper [illegible] used in making several copies at once, and a dozen sheets of the carbon paper, and let me know the price so that I may remit it at once; or, still better, let it be collected on delivery by the express company.

I would beg to suggest the question whether the working could not easily be made visible to the operator, by having the ribbon pass at right angles to the present position and placing a glass prism underneath the cylinder, so that by the double total reflection the line just printing would be visible without inversion, as in case of a cross section in this manner [illegible]

Very truly yours,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Washington, D.C., 27 June, 1881.

Gen. Beauregard,
New Orleans, La.

My dear General:

Received yours and I thank you for your kind offer; and in return please send me how the [illegible] can be [illegible] and oblige

Yours truly,

Northampton, Mass.; 27 June, 1881.

Dear James

Your postal card of day before yesterday is at hand. I admit readily that the reasons for winding up the trust is merely the good pleasure of all those living who are concerned; but would not that be sufficient & the court, in case there were no essential contradiction of the testator's desire, especially as the result ought to be [illegible] the undiminished of the W. estate &c.

No doubt my brothers will inform me of the end of year of the payments &c, I have made, but it would be extremely annoying & quite out of [illegible], Dr Cate, that through some possible misunderstanding or disquiet caused by [illegible] of mine you had failed to make the usual demand upon them. It was because I surmised the possibility of something of this kind that I ventured to say that I trusted you found it all right as usual, and no kinder expression occurred to me. From your still awaiting an answer to yours I infer that it seems likely that my surmise may only be true; but you must make due allowance for my poor writing and make all good in reading and rereading in the light of the kindly feeling you must be sure that I have towards you.

Lizzy seems to be pretty steadily failing, though some days are pretty comfortable. Last night was an unusually bad one, but today she feels better.

Your affectionate brother.

Rev. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Ms.; 28 June, 1881.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your very welcome and interesting favor of yesterday. Your [illegible] electric light by reflection from a [illegible] silver surface strikes me as very ingenious, and possible. If I have done something really in reflection in a way you wish, I beg to make a correction which vitally affects it and renders it sufficiently useless for your purpose. You have perhaps seen that familiar experiment in which a strong ray of calcium light is made to converge longitudinally a jet of water that flows from an orifice in the side of a reservoir, and the light is made to travel down the stream but is continually totally reflected from the surface as it goes along so that the water looks like liquid fire. Now could you not fill your tubes with pure water, let the two things which could be used for reflection, and so enable the light to get round a corner? Would the water be so [illegible] that more would be lost thereby than gained by the employment of reflection? In regard to the silvering I am very ignorant: would such a thin film of silver as that must be that would be so strong be also durable? Would it not be done converted into black sulphuret of silver even the reflecting surface of [illegible] ordinary use. It could of course be protected with a very thin pure varnish that reflected as perfect a [illegible]; and that is very cheap and in your power to [illegible]. It seems to me that there would be an immense saving in one way by the application of reflection to electric lights in the street; for many [illegible] a very large portion of the light goes upward towards the sky and is lost. In cases where one does not care [illegible] requires an upward current there would [illegible] no obstacle to placing a metallic reflector immediately over the electric light, though it would be difficult to do so in the case of [illegible].

My ideas in regard to a sun engine were not so much concerned with the nature of the reflecting material as with the form of it and the mode of making it. [illegible] the same rays to bear on the boiler. The point was the use of [illegible] mirrors [illegible] so arranged if I remember right in the [illegible] as to [illegible] the rays of the sun [illegible] the axis of the cone, not to a [illegible]

Northampton, Ms; 28 June 1871

My dear Mrs. Sanborn:

I owe you very many thanks for your very kind favor of day before yesterday, how delightful it is, indeed, to find that there is one solitary bachelor whose [illegible] overgrown "oddities and selfishness" you sympathize you could endure within your home! How desirable that he bravely meeting that natural evil in its bonds and despite any such faults were you ever and dear would have so entirely disappeared as to bring about at least that result! I am counting upon great pleasure in seeing some time your sons who, I am sure, neither are nor ever will become natural evils either married or single, still less unnatural ones in the latter case. By the way it must be almost time for you to be collecting out your fair ones for them, or encouraging them in the search. In Paris I met Miss Lizzie Gardner, who used to be particular friend of one of your fellow students at Exeter; and would not but think what a good match in both sides it would have been if he had only chanced me as partner as might well have done if there had been proper personal encouragement. To be sure he has a charming wife and two very [illegible] to [illegible] over and over again. A good deal is said, and used to be said even then, about the gentility of early love; but the injudicious[illegible] after all seem to be so great. One very affectionate American couple of my acquaintance in Japan fell in love with each other at the age of 12 and 13. One of our early schoolmates here now either three times married or [illegible] more precious than [illegible] one divorce; and his present [illegible] is the one whose name he whispered to me at his marriage with you. [illegible] take a friendly interest in that matter. [illegible] Do write your husband very kind [illegible] and tell me you have returned out of [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] Concord full and [illegible]

Washington, D.C., 2 February 1881.

My dear Mr. Darwin:

I have got my promised book
for you and find upon opening it, that
I misquoted it in indeed. I find that it was written
by Mr. Darwin's "Origin and Descent"
I am sorry I am such a careless writer, but I
have had so much to do lately that I
am quite worn out. I am glad that you
like my book. I have not had time to read it
myself, but I have had it read to me
by my wife, and I think it is very good.
I am sorry that I have not had time to
write you a long letter, but I am very busy
now. I will write you a long letter soon.
I am glad that you are well and happy.
I am sorry that I have not had time to
write you a long letter, but I am very busy
now. I will write you a long letter soon.
I am glad that you are well and happy.

Richmond Va. June 25 1850

Ed. Southern Lit.
Messenger
Richmond Va.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a post office money order in your favor for five dollars; and in return please send me here the bound volume of the Virginia for 1850, and the numbers for 1851, and oblige

Yours very truly.
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Ms; 30 June, 186

My dear Mr. Lesquereux.

Many thanks for your very welcome and interesting favor of 20 June, which was not only most gratifying to me but to my sisters who have always the most pleasing recollections of you and your visit here.

Please pay the cost in advance when you send that box of plant fossils to the Smithsonian at Geds, and let me know the expense so that I may reimburse you. I would be glad indeed to send the money & you in advance, if I knew how much it would amount to, and I will do so if you write me.

I should for my part be very much pleased if you would at your convenience publish your paper on the fossil in the Proceedings of the Philosophical Society, and there is no need of sending it to me first, unless for any reason you prefer to do so. It is certainly a piece of great kindness to me and to the Japanese Government not only (as specially pointed by them) that you have given yourself so much trouble about the fossils.

It is very fortunate that you like the warm weather, for it is now growing hot even here in Northampton, and is probably done as sometime ago in Ohio; and I trust that next winter will be mild much milder than last winter, so that you will not be uncomfortable, my children & myself have hitherto generally

Believe me always Yours truly, Asa Gray

Northampton, 3 June, 41

Dear S. Fyle:

Many thanks for your favor of a day before yesterday which reconciled me with the mail, so near to arrive at your hospitable friend's. I had no idea that you had a Phi Gamma, readily with you the love we owe with the Fyle, you mention of forming a Phi Gamma Literary Club; and it seems to me you could hardly find a better Secretary than Mr. Elliott. As for me, whom you flatteringly depict as an alternative, I feel at present quite unable to undertake the duties and responsibilities now much I could on [illegible] [illegible]. Nevertheless without me you will have no difficulty in gathering together a worthy company from among the best talent of Brady, in wearing [illegible] have come back from Jefferson.

With many thanks for your kindness in remembering me among the invited, and with best wishes for the good health of yourself and excellent Lyle, do believe me

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts. 30 June, 1851.

Messrs. Tribner & Co.,
No 57 Ludgate Hill, London.

Gentlemen:

I am thankful for your favor of the eighteenth of this month, enclosing an invoice of various periodicals booked to me and punctually received, amounting to £1.15.5; and inquiring whether I want the Illustrated London News for January & March of this year as you can get them at the office, & early numbers are out of print and can only be procured at about double the published price. I should nevertheless be glad if you would send them.

Will you also be so kind as to send me a statement showing what balance you have to my credit in your hands; and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,
Geo: Smith Sumner.

Northampton, Mass. March 27, 1911.

Miss Theodora Pease,
Wellesley College.

My dear:

Many thanks for your very delightful
and useful Easter present. I have
started it and am particularly pleased
with the [illegible] and
[illegible] I have not yet
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hope you are well and happy.

Yours very truly,

Mary Lyon Sampson.

Northampton, Massachusetts, 30 Jan, 1

Mr. F. A. Brockhaus,
Bookseller, Leipsic.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a post office money order for twenty marks; and in return please send me Petermann's Mittheilungen from the beginning of this year 1861 to end of the year.

You will perceive by the date that I have left from Yedo Japan, where you were to send us the various publications. Please let me know how the still my balance due you from me, and oblige

Yours very truly
Benj Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Massachusetts, 7 Jan.

Mr. Wilhelm Hertz,
Bessersche Buchhandlung,
11 Markgrafenstrasse, Berlin.

Dear Sir:

About a year ago I received from the treasurer of the Berliner Gesellschaft für deutsche Sprache about 12 marks (one mark still lacking owing to a misunderstanding of mine) in full payment for which I was to make me a life member of the society. It was impossible at the moment to send a small amount in a safe manner from Japan, and I was loaned to make it good by sending some French and Japanese postage stamps which I was able to procure. But I have never been notified of the payment nor satisfactory, and therefore I enclose a post office money order in your favor for ten marks, and would be informed whether any remains due for the life membership. If perhaps the previous payment was sufficient and satisfactory, I take the liberty to ask you to send me another membership. Respectfully & sincerely yours I remain,

Very truly yours
Lafcadio Hearn.

[illegible] Hampton Court Gardens
24 June 1881.

Prof. H. Jones.
C. Mineralogical Museum
Berlin, Prussia.

Dear Sir:

[illegible] your [illegible]
of the Zeitschrift [illegible]
[illegible] Newcastle, [illegible]
[illegible]

Very truly,
[illegible]

Northampton, Mass. June 18.

My dear Dr. McClintock:

I owe you many thanks for your very kind favor of May 29th last yesterday. I make haste to send you by mail Williams' Sanscrit grammar that you may have it a little while you may be at leisure for it; but do not hurry yourself about returning it. Even if you should keep it a year or two it would probably not be missed, especially as there are very few other Sanscrit grammars here. What you say about Harrison's print edition has probably saved me sixty dollars, for it seems now I could work it to profit. It seems to me that the arrangement according to radicals in a dictionary is far the most convenient, for it is the character that you will be most likely to find explained more often than the sound, at any rate at this distance from China; and with a syllabic dictionary you must search first in the index for the number of the proper page. However Medhurst's dictionary will perhaps suit me, and I left that in Paris. By the way, those photolithographed books of Shanghai seem to be very apt to lose a leaf missing; for it so happened with two of them I had. I should like very much to get the "Canton dictionary" of Dr. Medhurst that you mention if I knew where and how to send for it; but probably the dictionaries of Canton dialect would be rather superfluous to me for the present. — I trust you are enjoying the warmth of the weather — it is getting warmish even here. I am sorry not to be able to perform any [illegible] in my present case; for the result by taking pill, Ricketts's [illegible] for your kindness [illegible]

Yours truly [illegible]

Northampton, Mass; 2 July, 1867

To J. D.

Editor of Mining Engineering & Mining Journal
27 Park Place, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I must thank you for your flattering invitation to write for your Journal. I fear it may hardly be feasible for me to prepare anything in time to be sent upon before the return of your Editorial staff. I had indeed some time ago conceived the idea of offering a "Letter from the people" suggested by some remarks of Dr. Raymond's a couple of months ago, on international unity of weights and measures and on a system based upon the Metric system. It seems to me that the importance of international unity is not exaggerated; and that the hopelessness of ever getting the whole world adopted is also overrated, at least that it might be brought about in the course of three generations and that the introduction into our arithmetic can be in the same time of great value in giving more correct ideas of Numeration and notation generally. I urge upon you and upon the Editorial staff the difficulties, practical, legal and how they might be overcome. I add in case the Editor thinks the subject worthy of consideration that I have only been making a hasty reconnaissance of some mineral lands in Virginia and that I possibly may be able to give you some account of them especially of one thing that has been supposed in the way of Meteoric Iron and finding it in the River Lining and possibly.

Yours truly, D. [illegible]

Northampton, Ms.; 2 July, 61.

My dear Mr. Lesley:

Many thanks for your favor of the 28th ult. It would be a capital thing if you would see those Connecticut and Massachusetts Mineral lands, and I hope you will not give up the plan; nevertheless but you will first receive what I have written last week and dont be impatient about it. I have now finished, if I mistake not, the rough draft of 28 or 30 pages of what I have to write about Iron, and am only awaiting the arrival of that machine to make them legible. Meantime, a few days ago there came an invitation from the Editorial Rooms of Raymond's paper, in the absence of the Chief Editor, to contribute something to the paper again; and it has occurred to me that considering the important information obtained by my late researches, it might be more suitable to publish the results in all in that newspaper than in the Phil. Soc'y Proceedings, as you kindly suggest, especially if they would go to some expense for the illustrations. My impression is too judging others by myself that men nowadays find still time to read important things in deposed or irregular publications, but only in regular periodicals which they have a regular arrangement of time for reading anyhow; so that a piece in such a paper would derive much better as an advertisement that I had [illegible] and was getting to work again, and besides the advertisement would be much more prompt and widespread than it would be in the Proceedings, without the greater permanent value of the Proceedings. What do you think?

I quite understand your missing Mary so much even in your work, and cordially sympathize with you and hope she may come back fully rested and reinvigorated.

Lizzie seemed much better last evening but is worse again today. James arrived last evening "to spend the Fourth of July" as we may guess not to observe it, but it seemed doubtful whether he would have any satisfaction in seeing her at all if she did not come home. Remember my love to Aunt Susan.

Yours affectionately,

Geo.

Mr. Yamauchi, Boronai. Southampton, Mass., 3 July, 1881.

My dear Mr. Yamauchi:

I have long been owing you very many thanks for your kind favor of the 17th of last February, and the photograph, written from Boronai. You must indeed have had a very quiet winter there in the midst of the wilderness. You may be sure that whatever you write about yourself and my other former assistants and of your brother and of matters in [illegible] will be of very great interest to me always, and will be most gratefully received.

I beg you will let me know distinctly whether, as a member of your Geological society, you accept the condition (kisoku) of the gift of the house and land in Hirakawa Cho, namely that the land should not be sold without my consent within nine years. I have been looking for a similar acknowledgement that the condition was satisfactory and accepted from each of the members of the society.

After writing you at Hongkong I continued my journey westward, touching at Saigon in Cochin China, for about one day; at Singapore about two days; at Penang, a few hours; at Manilla, two nights; at Rangoon, also in Burmah, some five days, including a journey by railroad and steamboat 200 miles into the interior; two weeks at Calcutta; at Bombay, a day; at Aden a few hours; at Suez, one night; at Cairo, five days, including a visit to the great Pyramids of Egypt and to the ruins in Assyria; at Alexandria two days; at Brindisi a few hours; at Venice, three or four days; at Milan two days; at Turin, one night; at Paris, a month; at Havre a few hours; and at New York, two nights; and arriving here a little after the middle of May. After a fortnight I went to Philadelphia and to Virginia and West Virginia to make such examination of some mineral lands as required to do on [illegible] arrival in New York; and so I am back here again in the midst of the [illegible] which indeed was the case from leaving Paris on which I had expected to be off to sea. Well, all this [illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts, 3 July, 1881.

Mr. T. M. Yamauchi
Sapporo, Yesso.

My dear Mr. Yamauchi:

I have to thank you very much for your very kind and interesting favor of the 11th of the many last, received just before I left Paris. It always interests me very much to read anything you have the kindness to write about yourself or affairs in Japan. I beg you will forward to the kind letter from Mr. Wheeler and, if you like, read it first. You will be thereby due I arrived here. Two or three weeks ago in passing through Washington on my way back from Virginia I called on Ford and Mrs. Capron, who were much pleased to get such information about you and Japan as I could give. It is possible that they may come to Northampton this summer in order to escape from the heat of Washington and they also certain to have that is a favorite summer resort. They both seem to be in very good health. I had a letter yesterday from Mr. Gunji, who is settled at Marmora in Ontario, Canada, in charge of some gold mine in which his friend Mr. R. P. Rothwell, editor of the Inquirer and Mining Journal, is heavily interested; and Mr. Gunji says we can have mine by beginning of the year. He says that his health is now fully restored. I also hear occasionally from Mr. Wheeler, who is living at Concord, and tries to induce me to go there and live too; a tempting proposal, especially as I have other extremely good friends living in the same village. It is 20 miles west of Boston; Northampton is about 100 miles west of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler seem both to be well. Mr. Wheeler has given up the presidency of the Agricultural College of Amherst, where Mr. Clark used to be president, seven miles from Northampton. I tell Mr. Wheeler he should like to come here. I have some inclination to settle down here permanently, myself, but it is still doubtful whether I shall do so or not. When I was in Philadelphia lately, it seemed very much like home there, and in case of willing to go into active geological business again it would be more convenient than this small and distant town. But it is probable that I shall be here for some time, on account of domestic affairs particularly to illness of my elder sister. Hoping that you and your family are having a comfortable and healthy summer, I am

Very truly yours, Edward Morse.

Northampton, Mass; 3 July 1881.

My dear Mr. Brooks:

I owe you very many thanks for your favor of the 28th of last January accompanied by a roll of very interesting photographs, all received in Paris on my way here. What you wrote interested me very much indeed, and I was particularly astonished to hear of your long and it must have been painful illness of which not a word had come to my ears abroad. You do not however surprise me in the least by what you say of the kindness you experienced then from the Japanese and even from the Kaitakushi; for I have always maintained that the Japanese are extremely kind in cases of sickness. Though that seems at first sight inconsistent with some less agreeable features of their character that are noticeable at other times, still it appears possible to explain them as parts of one consistent whole. Moreover you have probably noticed that the discomforts of getting along with the Japanese occur chiefly in official matters where they show their ignorance of business principles that have long been known in western countries, yet are unwilling to admit any such ignorance, and where vanity leads them to wish to appear superior to their superior foreigners, and where time-honored notions lead them to justify arbitrariness and fickleness. The government is fortunate in securing your services for another year; and if you feel inclined at the end of that time to stay even longer I trust they will reengage you, once more with leave to come East to America for a visit. I hear occasionally from Mr. Wheeler, who is trying to persuade me to settle down in Concord, where some of my best friends live; but it seems to me very likely that I may after all take up my abode again in Philadelphia, at least in the winter. A letter came yesterday from Mr. [illegible] who since the beginning of this year has been settled at Marmora, Ontario, in charge of some gold mines in which his friend Rothwell is heavily interested. Mrs. [illegible] family have lately joined him, his mother in law having lately died. His brother [illegible] [illegible] works in [illegible] has also just died from overwork. [illegible] in Canada must more [illegible] than the Japanese, which we conjecture may be owing to the [illegible] of what they drink. Letters come to me often from Dr. [illegible], who is settled with his family at New York. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton, Massachusetts, 3 July 68.

My dear Dr. Berkeley:

Your most welcome and interesting favor of the 28th February came to hand in Paris and gave a most pleasing account of what was going on in Japan after my departure. No doubt by this time you are settled to your mind entirely with regard to your new palace but in regard to the grounds attached. You surprise me very much by your accepted changes you announce, and while I congratulate me during your friend Mr. Van de Pol for your miniche, I am sure he will find it difficult to get in sympathy & comfort with a certain married couple of his countrymen in hospitality, of whom the medical husband I deem to me, ought to be nominally, as well as really the center of the whole solar system, to say nothing of the immense advantages of a new and spacious palace at their disposal. You surprise us when you say that Mr. Heyleman is soon to go home, and that he is to accompany him in visit. Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Vantenaert. She too would have made a fine Minister for your country. Also please give my best regards to Mr. Mulder when you think fit. How small indeed was our former circle at Kanagawa Machi Yashiki! You and your wife will have the satisfaction of having caused that spot and those Sunday evenings and Thursday evenings and days to be looked back upon with the warmest interest and gratitude for the remainder of your lives and with the vain longing that they might sometime be renewed. At least I may hope that when you have at last quite tired of living in Japan and have made a sufficient fortune there you will come to America for a while at least if not for a permanency and then we may meet again frequently. Yesterday I had a letter from one of your old guests, Mr. Gaylord. Since the beginning of this year he has settled in Harmony, Ontario, Canada, in charge of some forest mines apparently a permanent employment; and he has just

[illegible] his family and children join him there. He has lately lost his
[illegible] son in law and has just heard of the death of his brother who
[illegible] was at the head of large iron works in Alsace and worked
[illegible] himself to death. Let us hope that our friend will not do anything
[illegible] of the kind! He says his work in Paris "must be much more thoughtful than
[illegible] in America," which I can easily understand. He
[illegible] had heard of poor Mrs. Van Buren's death, and says that if the
[illegible] Queen is to die twice he will go and make him a visit
[illegible] in Florida; but it will probably be quite impossible to do so. Dawkins
[illegible] again denies (what I still cannot believe) that the United States had made
[illegible] present of $5000 to Mrs. Van Buren's heirs as if there were a great piece of
[illegible] generosity; but probably there was some claim we did not
[illegible] [illegible] of right? Nevertheless Mr. Van Buren's disease, appearing
[illegible] his life at Saratoga could hardly be considered as originating there.
[illegible] Letters come to me rather frequently from Dr. Mc Carter, who is living in
[illegible] New York city with his wife and young Clinton ward. Neil has
[illegible] just finished very creditably a year at boarding school. He has
[illegible] also received from the Chinese government the rank of Consul and
[illegible] but unfortunately no emoluments are connected with the rank.
[illegible] He has written some literary work to the Atlantic Monthly and help
[illegible] to keep the pot boiling. He writes [illegible] sometime ago that he had met the
[illegible] Murrays at Albany and several the Americans returned from Japan
[illegible] Mr. Griffis, the Parsons and Capron and others at Washington and had
[illegible] heard from Mr. Hepford in California who was much charmed with the
[illegible] climate there but said that the lots were already homesteaded upon. In
[illegible] my last letter I received the other day a letter from Dr. Dale, who, I
[illegible] learn, is living at Philadelphia and is editing what a "Pilgrim Library Club"
[illegible] of returned Americans and of course [illegible] to join and perhaps
[illegible] become secretary; but I did not feel able to undertake such a fatiguing
[illegible] duty. Indeed the members would be so very widely scattered over the great country
[illegible] that the idea strikes me as a rather impracticable one. My friend Mr. Wheeler writes
[illegible] occasionally and to great cordiality this window was [illegible] with [illegible] at
[illegible] Concord, unfortunately vacation. Although written a long time ago it is hardly time to
[illegible] carried out, and I still hope it may be [illegible] there. He is [illegible] thoroughly interested in
[illegible] mechanical inventions and has [illegible] opinions. I am likely to [illegible] here
[illegible] the present at least, on account of the serious illness of my elder sister, Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible] and in Paris, and consequently I came home earlier than I had been intended.
[illegible] I remained a fortnight in Portland on a visit to Philadelphia and to examine
[illegible] some mineral lands in Virginia and West Virginia in which I was requested to invest
[illegible] money in New York, but which I have turned back on account of their being worse than
[illegible] worthless and pretty nearly [illegible]. But I forgot you have not yet heard what we did
[illegible] after I had come home. My visit in Hartford lasted two weeks. I enjoyed being with
[illegible] [illegible] for one night; although we stopped at Hartford about two; at Albany [illegible]
[illegible] Hartford [illegible] two hours; at Rhinecliff [illegible] Poughkeepsie [illegible] two days which permitted an interesting trip of 200
[illegible] miles up country; at Baltimore two days at Washington five days, including a visit to Mount Vernon,

Northampton, Massachusetts, 4 July, 1883.

My dear Milne:

Many thanks for your kind favor of the 18th of April received here only a couple of weeks ago, giving me very interesting information about affairs in Japan. You speak of binding the transactions of the Seismological Society, and that reminds me that I have probably not paid the annual contribution for the second year of the society. I should like to do it through you if you will take the trouble for me; and as I might as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb I make bold at the same time to send you to pay my dues to the English and German Asiatic Societies at your early convenience, or rather at your convenience when early or not; and I enclose a draft for forty dollars payable to you at Yokohama, which will perhaps be collected for you by your banker if you simply deposit it with them. If there be enough money please send me a copy of the new guide to Japan of which with your contributions, Chamberlain tells you about two things, but I should feel great delight. You surprise me very much by saying that Mr. Knight has already left Japan. I regretted very much not being able to pay my respects to you in the matter of the Perry; but came directly from Paris here without going to England, having become in great haste and circumstances intended on account of the very serious illness of my elder sister here, which I heard of in Paris. At that time I had been coming along rather leisurely, spending a week in Egypt, chiefly at Cairo, about a week in Northern Italy, Venice, Milan and Turin, and a month at Paris. On my return I had a week or so in Burma, at Moulmein, Rangoon and Upper Burma, and a fortnight at Calcutta. After my return here I made a hasty trip to Philadelphia and Jamestown, Virginia, and to certain aboriginal burial mounds in Virginia and West

Virginia, but had to carry back an unsettled account, and shall now probably stay here quietly for the present. On the steamer from Bombay they met with Mr. Bayard Taylor & Field whom joined very particularly after you and expressed regret that when you called on him previous engagement of his prevented him from seeing more of you. In his company, too, was Mr. Haynes an American Navy Chaplain who is apparently one of your acquaintances. — No doubt you got full accounts of the Chios earthquake. Have you been getting any more Rocks in Yeddo? Your Society must be diminished somewhat in numbers by so many departures; but perhaps there are some newcomers to take their places. If the Societies should grow still smaller perhaps they will at last be willing to combine and make one whose excellence should be to take up each one's favor of the town. Dr. Hyde is living in Philadelphia it seems and is trying to get up a "Nippon Literary Club" even here having seven Asiatic Societies all over China and Japan but it seems true that the material for such a club is rather too scattered, not to say scanty, in America. Of course we have our American visitors already. When you have had enough of Japan you must come round this way, and let me know it. It would be delightful to see you here. Even in these parts within twenty miles we have some interesting minor localities that we might go about and be hospitable, and a very good collection at Amherst, seven miles off. Hunter I may be in Philadelphia as formerly, for it still seems home; but my address here will always answer, as written in the corner.

Please remember me kindly to any inquiring friends, and believe me always Yours truly, Geo. Smith Lyman.

Northampton, Mass., 7 July, 87.

to S. B. Editorial Rooms, Engineering & Mining Journal,
No. 27 [illegible] New York City.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your favor of yesterday I may say that the article I spoke of to-day consists of a section made in Virginia and has two illustrations each 5 3/16 inches by 7 inches, drawn so as to be photo-electrotyped and printed in the type. One is a map and the other some sections. The map would have to be copied without reduction, but the sections have been drawn of twice the linear size just mentioned, with a view to reduction in photographing. Each one is rather less than half a page of the Journal, and would need to have its long axis parallel to the long axis of the page, if the lettering should be read in comfort. Another heart not far distant has its vein ore described in a shorter article, perhaps 1000 words, and has one illustration a map 10 cm. by 2 7/16 inches by 3 1/4 inches, also with its matter in type & the long axis.

Very truly yours,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

The manuscript will probably be written with a machine.

Northampton Mass; 7 Jul., 81.

To the Scientific Publishing Co.
No 37 Park Place, New York City.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mr. Gunder of the Paris mining school a particular friend of Mr. Hewett, he wishes me to procure from you the following back numbers of the Polytechnic Publishing Journal can still be procured:

1875 No 8 – 19
1876 No 6
1878 No 5
1879 No 13 & 14
1880 No 7 & 10

Please let me know how soon, so that I may settle for them at once; and if some of them should be extraordinarily dear please let me know before sending them so that it may be possible to send back. Otherwise they might be mailed at once to the same address that you send it to for me. Any week.

He also desires Volume V of the Report of the Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel under Mr. Humphreys by Clarence King. Please let me know whether you can procure it and send it to me, and what would be the expense; and oblige

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Northampton Mass. July 20.

Prof. Henry Edwards Sec.

Mr. Fredk. Pfaff, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the following back numbers of
Journal of Numismatics and Archaeology to complete
my files, and charge the same to my account:

1875 No. 1
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Please inform me what the price of the Journal
will be per annum; and if some of them should be unfortunately lost please
inform me how high should the price be per annum to provide for
such. Otherwise they supply the needed volumes at the same address
that you do. Very truly.

Mr. Edw. Henry Edwards Sec. of the Journal of Numismatic &
Archaeological Publication of the Society Pfaff Numismatic
Museum New York. Please let me know whether you can supply
the back numbers of the Journal, and what would be the price;

Yours

Henry Henry Edwards

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Benj. Smith Lyman

Yours Most Sincerely

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Gentlemen:

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[illegible] to you [illegible]? If Hall [illegible]

If you have still a [illegible] of your pamphlet of [illegible]

surveying instruments including [illegible] and [illegible] you would

greatly oblige by sending me one, as in [illegible] I gave [illegible]

away to a friend who was thinking of [illegible]

used in the campaign under [illegible] year, since [illegible]

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Yours very truly,

Hugh Smith Lyons

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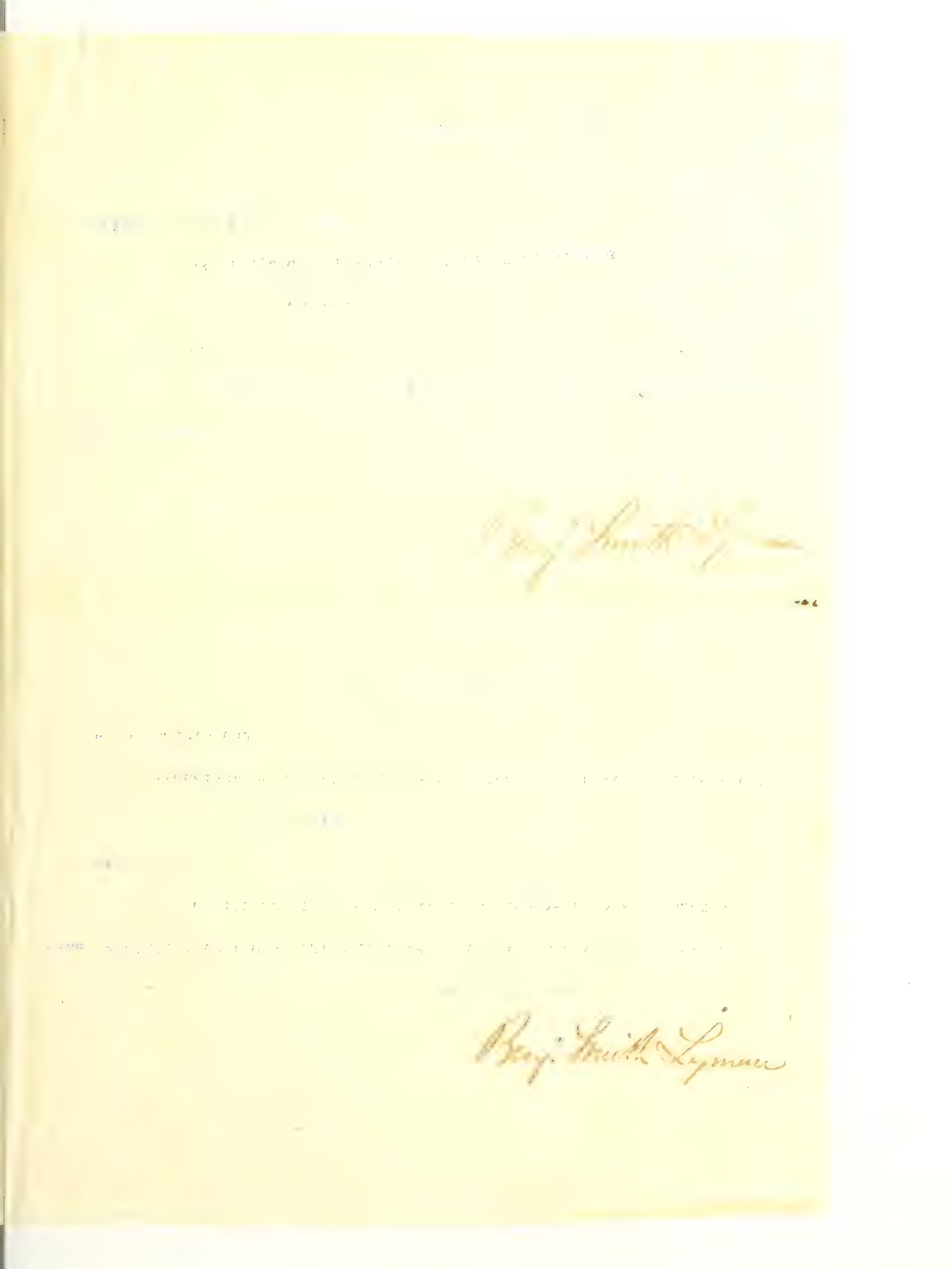

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Eug. Smith Lyman

Yours Truly

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Rev. Smith Lyons

Rev. Smith Lyons

Benj' Smith Lyman

Yours truly,

[illegible]

From the Directions for Nurses,
[illegible] Medical Library.
About Miss L. L. Brigham.

1. Is she trustworthy? Yes.
2. Is she [illegible]? Yes.
3. Is she neat? Yes.
4. Is she good tempered? Yes.
5. Is she well and strong? Yes.
6. Is she [illegible] of physicians orders? Yes.
7. Is she gentle and quiet? Yes.
8. Is she able to read aloud well? Yes. ([illegible], [illegible])
9. Is she modest in assuming responsibility? Yes.
10. Has she sufficient self-reliance? Yes.
11. Is she equal to an emergency? Yes. Apparently [illegible]
12. Is she an unassuming and accommodating member of the household? Yes.
13. Would she have patience with a sick child or nervous patient? Yes.
14. What are her faults, if any? We have not discovered a single one, and are extremely well pleased.

Benj. Smith Lyman

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Wm. Hutchinson.

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AND FOR THE PAMPHLETS YOU SENT.

Benj. Smith Lyman

AND FOR THE PAYMENT YOU SENT.

AND FOR THE PEABODY INSTITUTE CALENDAR

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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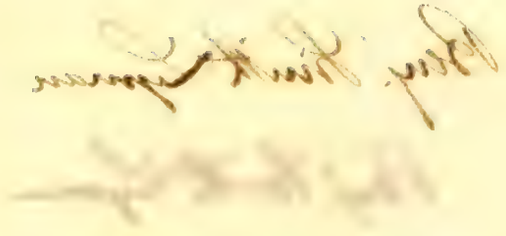

Northampton, Mass, 7 Oct. 89.

My dear Miss Kay:

I owe you very many thanks for your thoughtful kindness in sending me those lines Cochran the design for a mantle piece received yesterday. It was for an extremely good — and I mean to have a mate in one of the best rooms. It led to the pleasing discovery — on my part to the last extremity — that your brother was an architect, and I immediately began to hope that I might get his professional [illegible] in finishing the house, an temptation to which I take hold of a [illegible] that is already [illegible] and advanced as far as in some half [illegible]

in[illegible]ged to [illegible] and hopes to have his company at her house if he will come up to see about mine. She seems indeed as [illegible] now that you are gone, though her fireplace is more attractive than ever with a nice wood fire in it. The weather turned out quite as cold as usual at Cattle show time, though mild and beautiful enough again now to wish you departure just at present as agreeable for you as could have been predicted. Perhaps however you will [illegible] that the weather and landscape are just as lovely as pleasure as ever. I have not much idea what sort of country for landscapes the neighborhood of Syracuse may be, nor what sort of a place the town itself is — never have at any rate passed through it with more ample opportunity for sight seeing. They say my cousin Lyman Beecher lives there, the [illegible] of our excellent friends the Perkins's

[illegible] gold with large ruby set from a small
carved card that she carries in her pocket book and
her girdle. She is dressed extremely for cold
weather with several garments one over another
for the Japanese defend even little as a protec-
tion against cold, and their houses are even colder
for common than ours are. You have shown
such kindly interest both in Japanese people
and in my work that information how
as to encourage me to offer you some
little description of the exhibition of the hand
of which I am the last few
years in Japan. If you would have
the goodness to let me know your ad-
dress with a little more certainty I will
[illegible] send you a few clearer ideas
of these curious and quaint things than any
amount of description.

Having neglected to make the needful
inquiries about your address [illegible] previously
to leaving, I must take leave to send this
[illegible] without further delay, not to
[illegible] thoroughly unqualified for your
kind [illegible], and hope you will believe me
always, with best wishes

Yours sincerely, Benjamin Leigh Smith

[illegible] Lake, probably Japanese. The Cattle
Show here was chiefly a source of
disappointment in politics as [illegible]
short of any extravagant antics. Judges
[illegible] in stripped waistcoats of the period
and even the cows were manifestly
came up & [illegible] [illegible] Short
horns & the riding was good and the jumps
skilful and necessarily graceful. Of
course I stayed through even the
carved stall for and to afternoon [illegible]
name. You were more acutely about
the Jewish question, and I tried
to describe how [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] found among
some photographs not packed with
[illegible] a pair one for both that
will nevertheless give you a little idea
of it and of the manner of playing it.
It is in reality a bottle [illegible] made of
skin bands. The [illegible] is a picture of
some celebrated professional singing girl [illegible]
her lover [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Rev. Smith Lyman

Benj. Smith Lyman

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My dear Mr. Abbot

I am very happy to accept your invitation to-day evening, and am

very truly yours

Benj. Smith Lyman

Benj. Smith Lyman

My dear Miss Talbot.

I am very happy to accept your invitation to tea this evening; and —

Respectfully yours.

Benj. Smith Lyman

Northampton
26 Oct. 1841.

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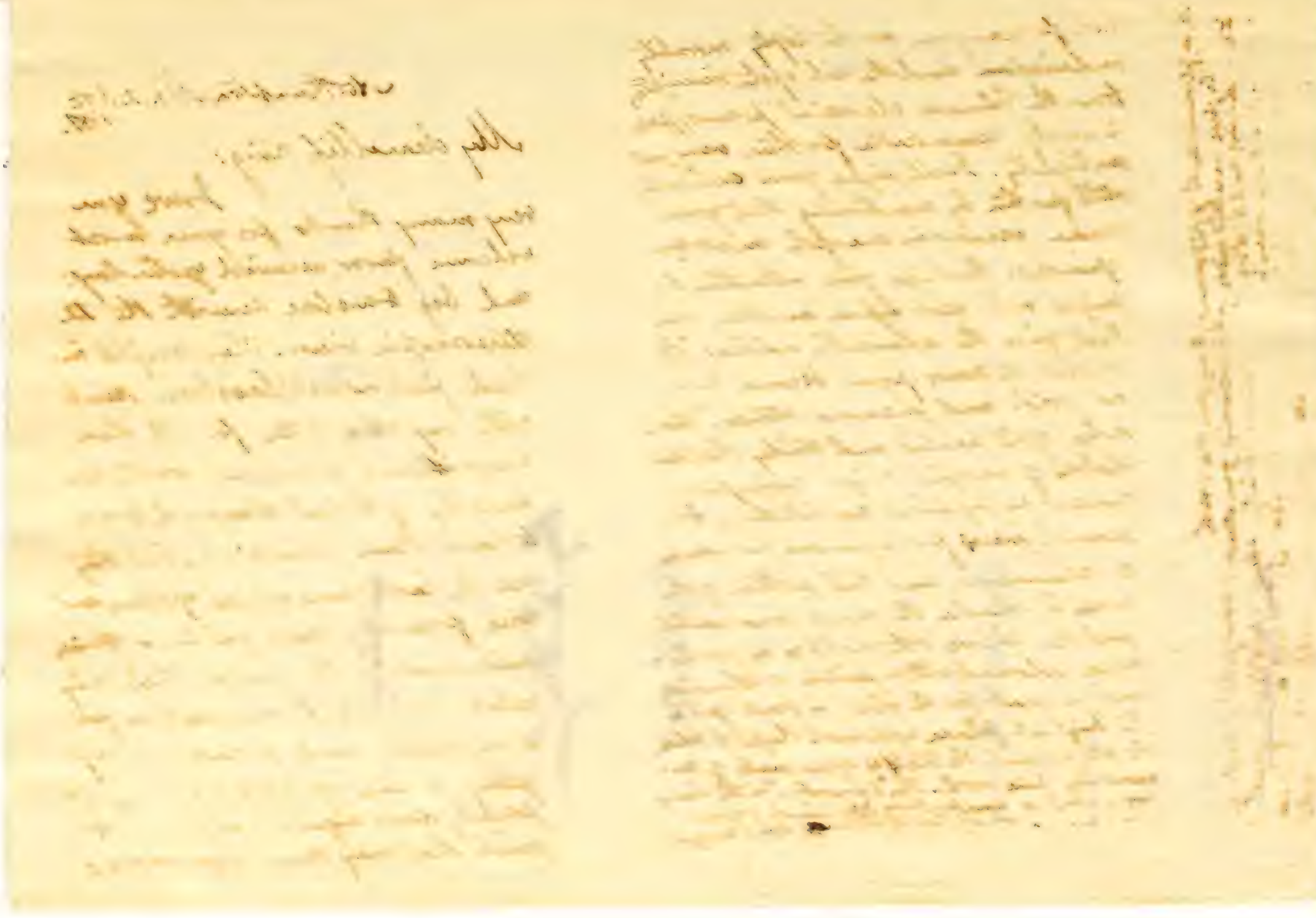

Mr. [illegible]

has the honour to request the
[illegible] Secretary's
invitation to meet him on Saturday
evening.

Frankfurt 28 Jan. 1871.

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FROM THE YEAR [illegible]. IT IS [illegible] THAT

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Benj. Smith Lyman

if you should come you might bring with you (if no engagement) the
Orchard on the way. Salepico is at Mrs Nicol's No 5 first round the corner from where I lived in Smith St. Yours truly

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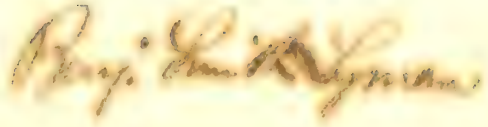

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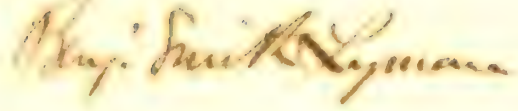

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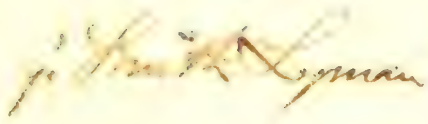

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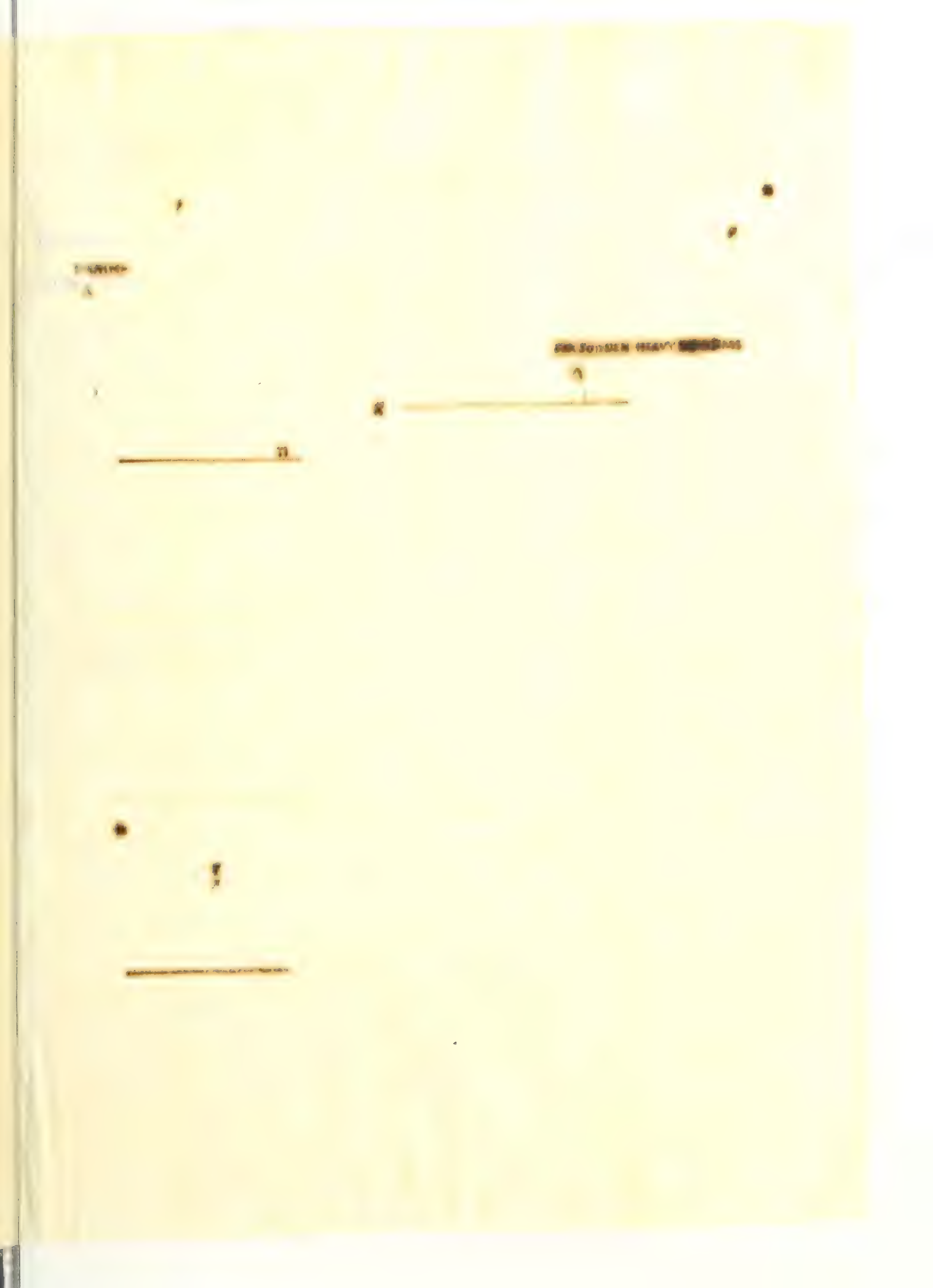

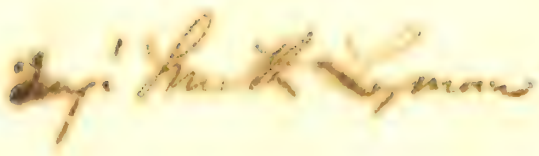

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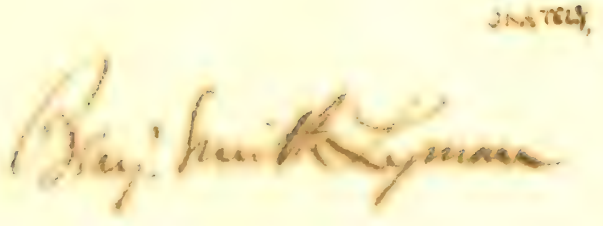

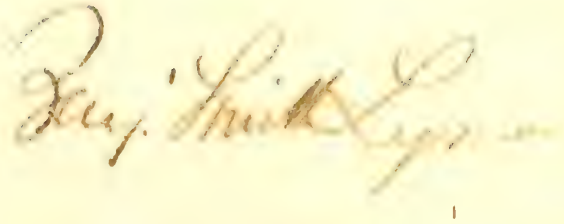

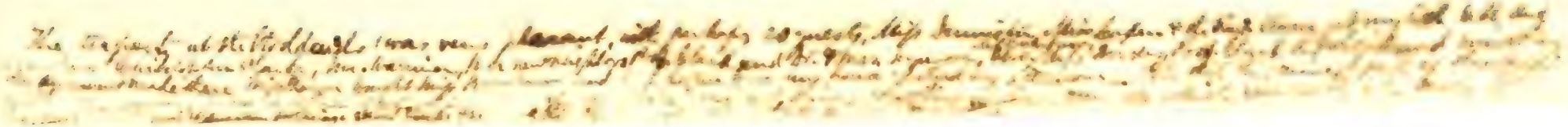

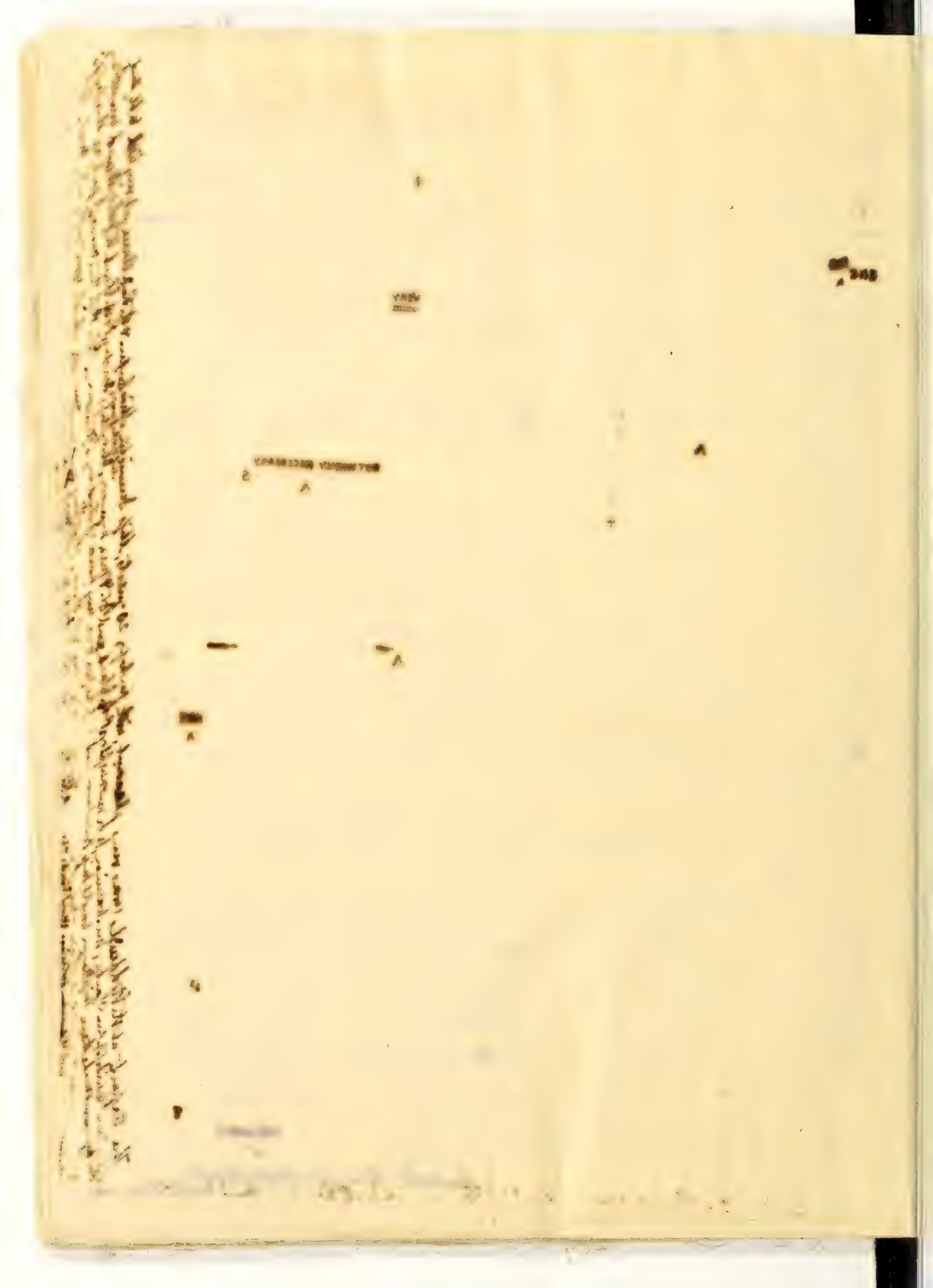

Northampton, March [illegible]

My dear [illegible] Esq[illegible]

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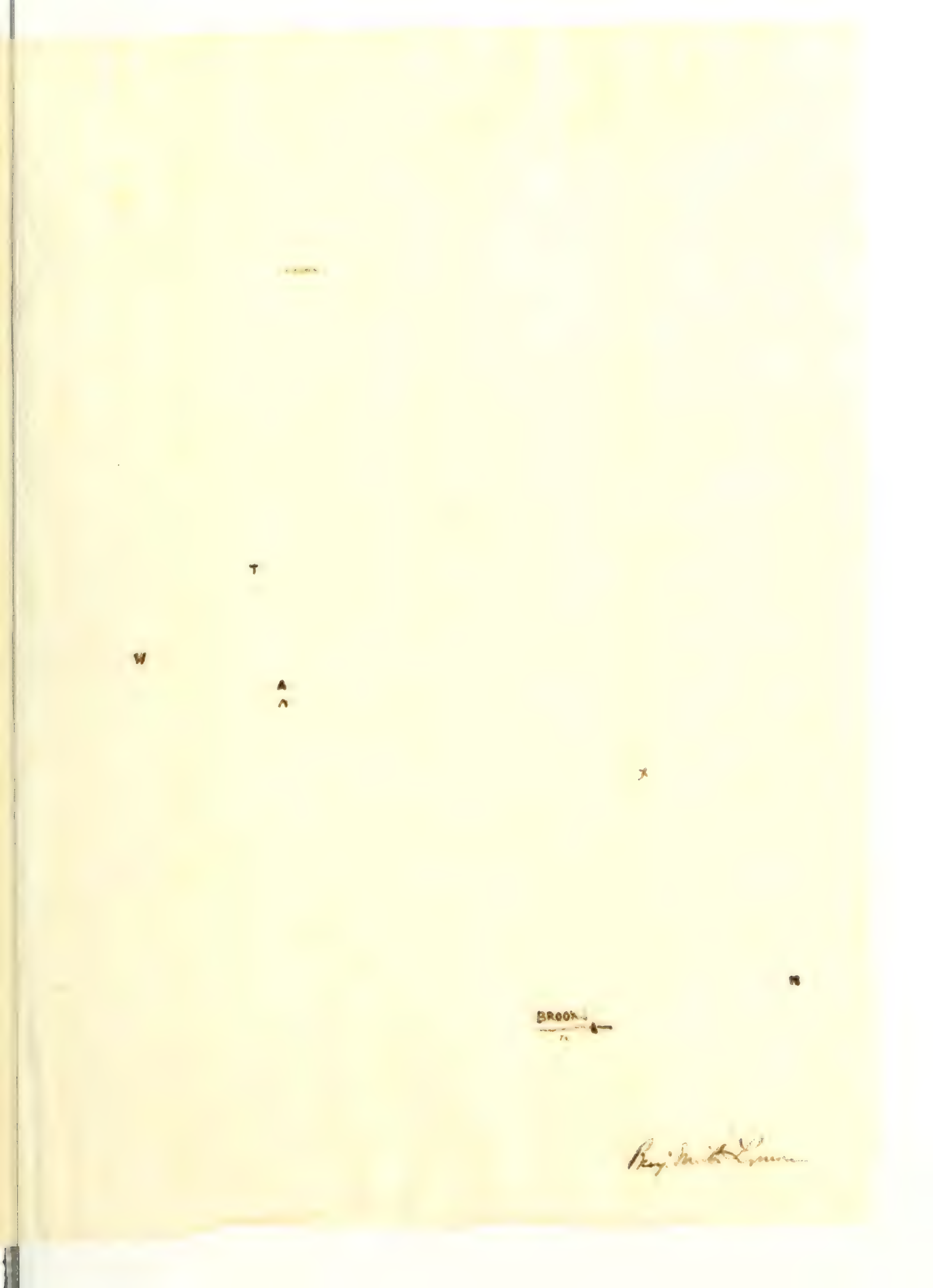
Very sincerely yours.

Benj. Smith Lyman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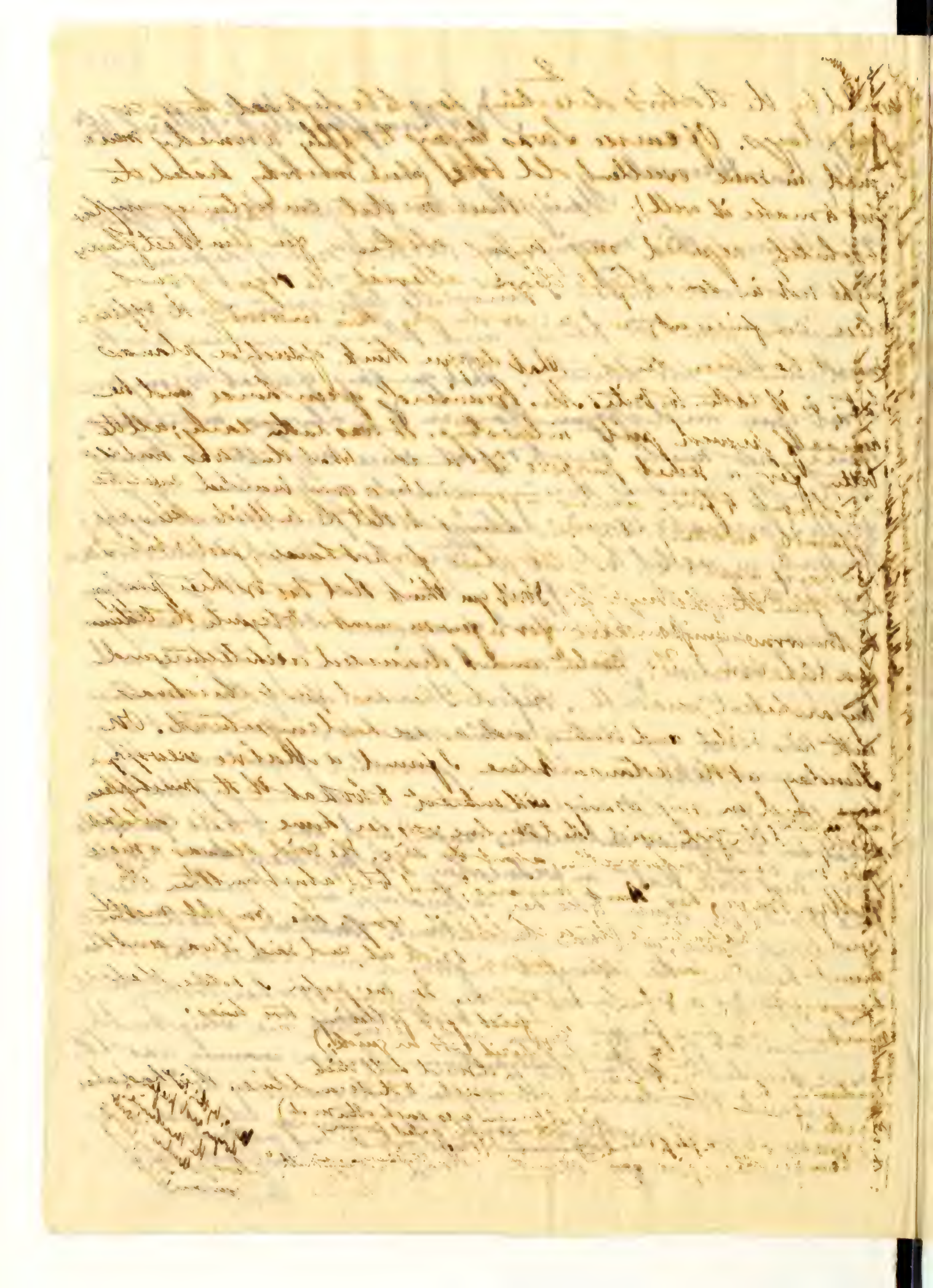


Northampton, [illegible] 1[illegible]

My dear Miss King:

Your favor
received this morning with its
good news that your face is
[illegible] and [illegible] indeed,
but you're [illegible] and today your
[illegible] to [illegible] you are possibly
[illegible] your [illegible] in [illegible]. It
is a very [illegible] disappointment
to that [illegible] and coming to
Northampton, and that you cannot
carry out your promise to have
[illegible] [illegible] with you
[illegible], but pretty sure I could
[illegible] that you would [illegible] and
get much [illegible] advice [illegible]

they are not rounded and are badly curled up, but can be flattened out by damping them, if you should care to mend about it.

I hope you are not quite worn out with [illegible] journey, I wonder if you will manage to [illegible] journey with the utmost unavoidable [illegible] taking with [illegible]. At any rate I hope the present trouble is over would it not be highly desirable to have your [illegible] settled [illegible]

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

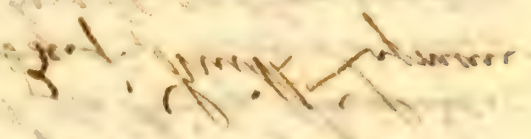
P.S. Have you any goats of the same kind from South Africa that might be advantageously introduced? If so, they would make a better present than sheep, and the cost of the pasturage and suitable fences might perhaps be overbalanced by the greater profit. Yours truly.

[illegible] 15 March 1882.

My dear [illegible]:

Many thanks for your [illegible] received this morning, and [illegible] the [illegible] kindness in thinking about this [illegible]. [illegible] I should be [illegible] of service [illegible] a woman in her [illegible], [illegible] as a housekeeper, in which capacity it seems to me in [illegible] the world is hardly [illegible] than a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the circumstances of American [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] life; but after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] an average [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] the business I am [illegible] of a [illegible] of [illegible] what could be [illegible], better educated, [illegible] intelligent [illegible] here. Of course [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] bachelor's housekeeping this would not be expected [illegible] perhaps [illegible] might be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] could [illegible] [illegible] were willing to do the housework [illegible] and cooking herself, possibly we could come to some agreement, and I am not [illegible] to the [illegible] possible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in any case would not [illegible] [illegible] to say? That to me would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] might [illegible] as [illegible] and [illegible].



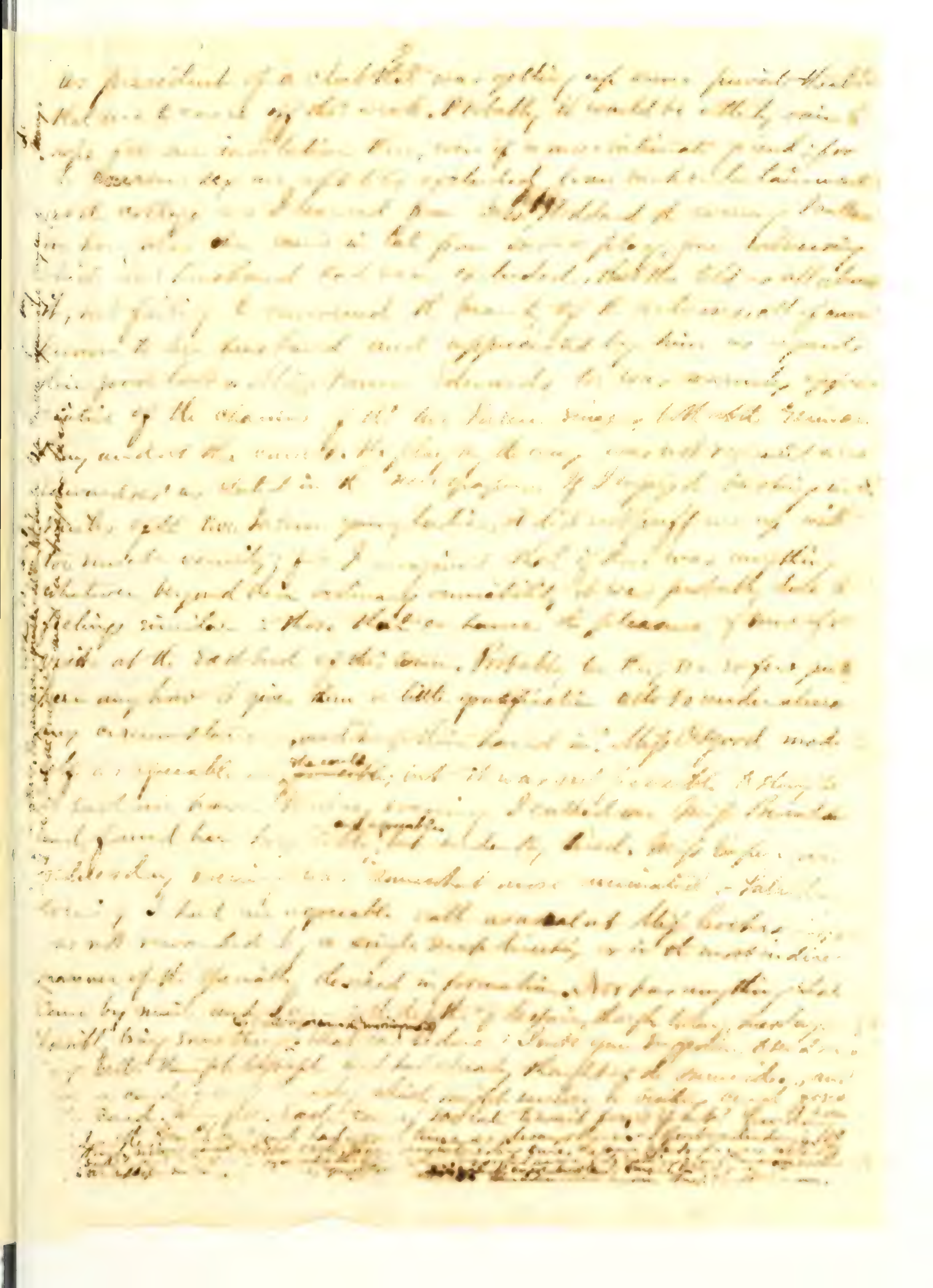
Northampton; 21 March, 18[illegible].

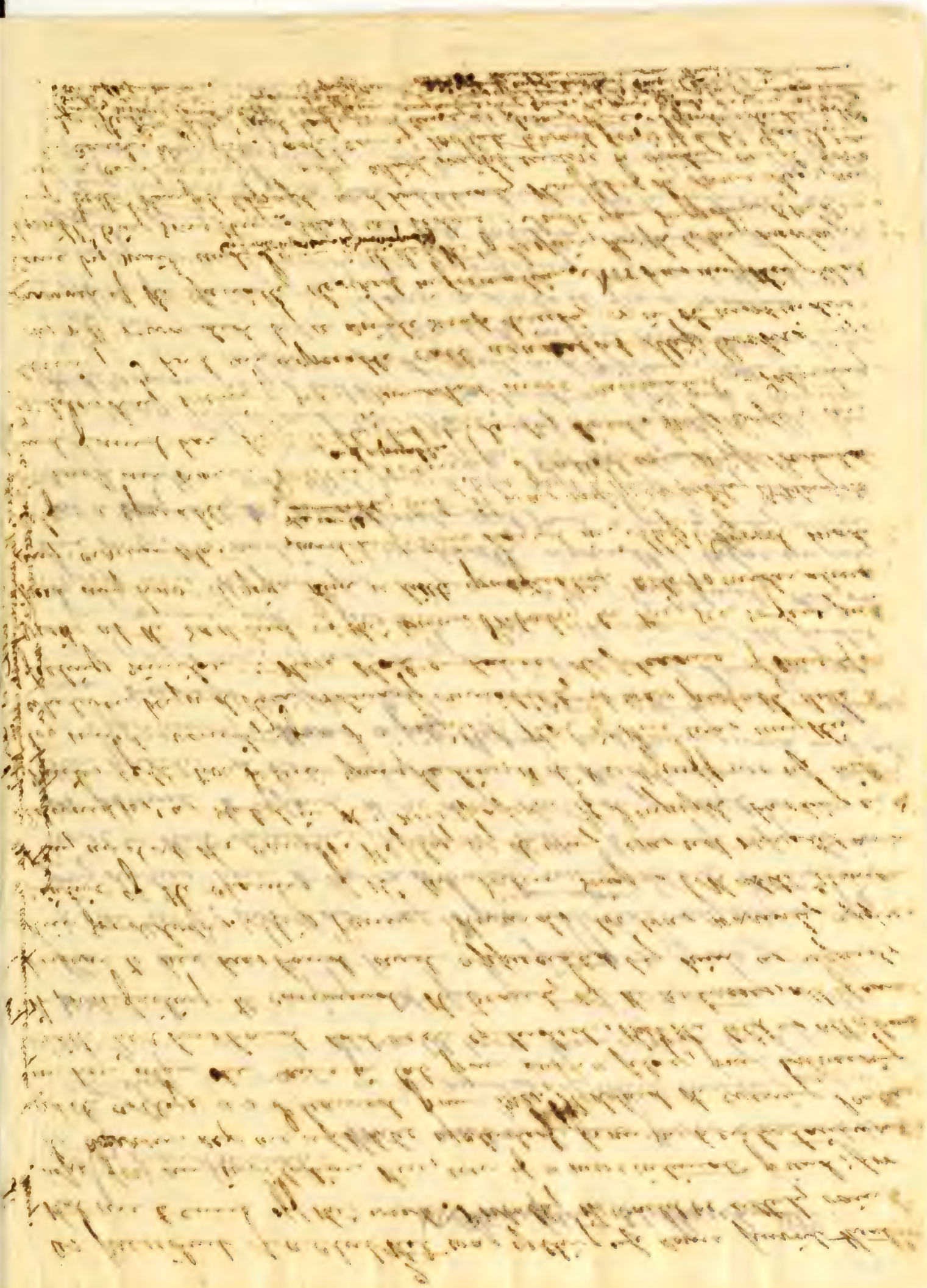
My dear Hannah:

Your most welcome favor came to hand [illegible] day [illegible] in the midst of [illegible] meeting and [illegible] [illegible]. It would have been a fine treat for me [illegible] to enjoy with you [illegible] at the [illegible] and as [illegible] [illegible]; but [illegible] I [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in that [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible] it [illegible] the least [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. — It was a pity that you and Fanny [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was very good indeed and I [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the principal [illegible] and they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] young lady [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Fanny [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out I had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] moment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] however to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Northampton, Saturday, 1872.

My dear Howard:





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Benj. Smith Lyman

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My dear Miss King,

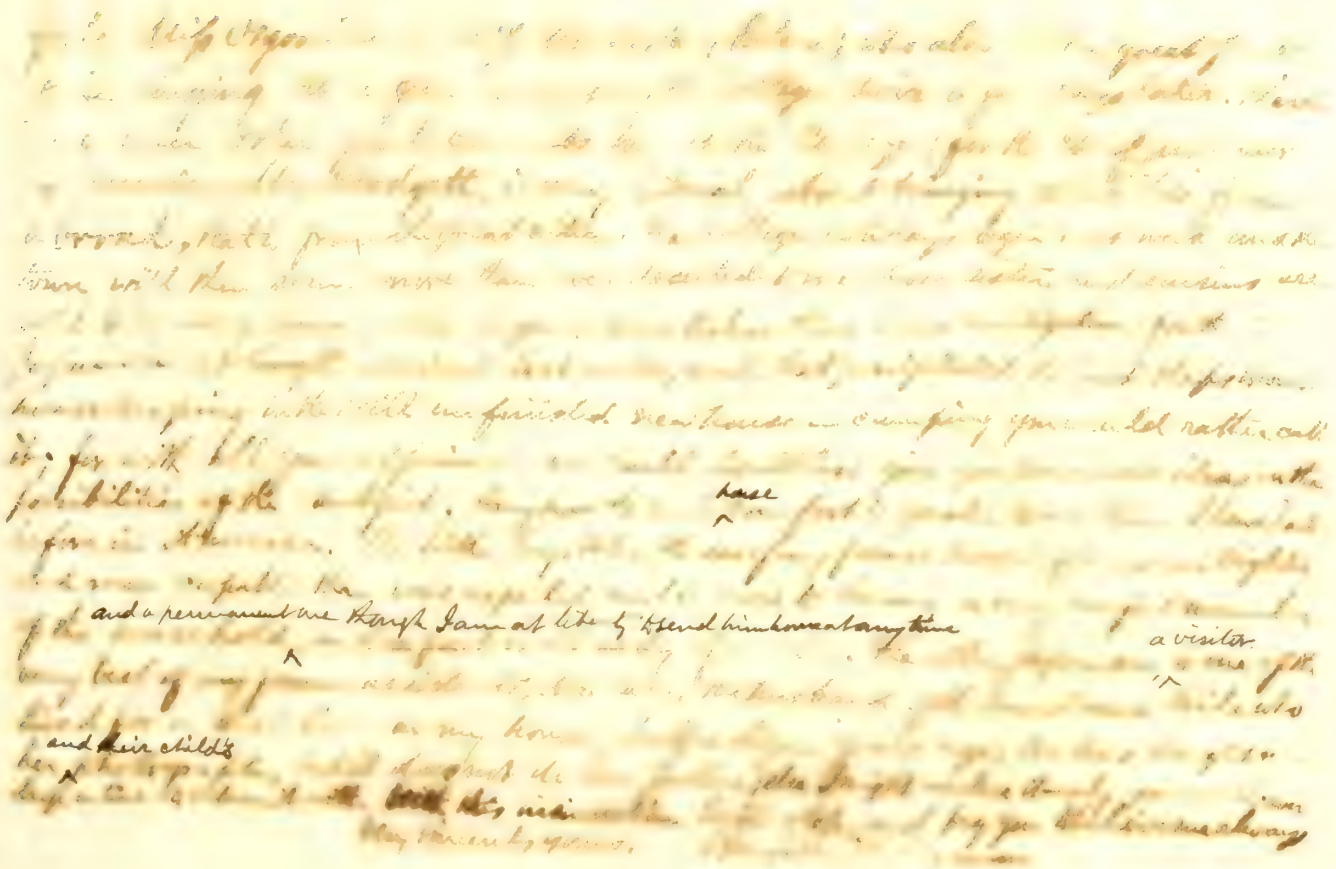
A couple of days ago while musing in silent [illegible] as I [illegible] that wonderful [illegible], on which might be inscribed [illegible] the Chinese classical ode of 2600 years ago:

貽之人美美為之女匪 異且美洵 荑歸牧自, I perceived that the workman had found means still to improve its appearance, [illegible] that it was not [illegible] with [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] particularly [illegible] in accordance [illegible] other ode of nearly equal [illegible] "not as a return for the gift, but that our friendship may be lasting" [illegible] a slight [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] is too long to wait for, [illegible] with all its imperfections [illegible].

Since you [illegible] this valley [illegible] could not [illegible] about your complete [illegible] health, in regard to which it appears you would not be inveigled into writing a single word, further interesting information to you might exist in detail about the members of the "[illegible] colony" where you live, of which the general fame has reached even this distant quarter. Pretty directly, indeed; for the wife of my [illegible] (German) [illegible] of [illegible]field told something about the colony last [illegible] when she came to see my sisters, and her daughter Fanny [illegible] to speak of it again at another time. It would in any case be an interesting [illegible] family, but must be made up of very [illegible] individuals to get on as [illegible] of America.

It was a pity you did not come up to Northampton and (as I did) join the German club on a Saturday, [illegible] the [illegible] final entertainment. The acting [illegible] "[illegible]", [illegible] the [illegible] friend [illegible] had the part of [illegible], but did not appear in the play. The acting was very well done indeed; and there were some good singing of English and Italian songs by two pretty [illegible]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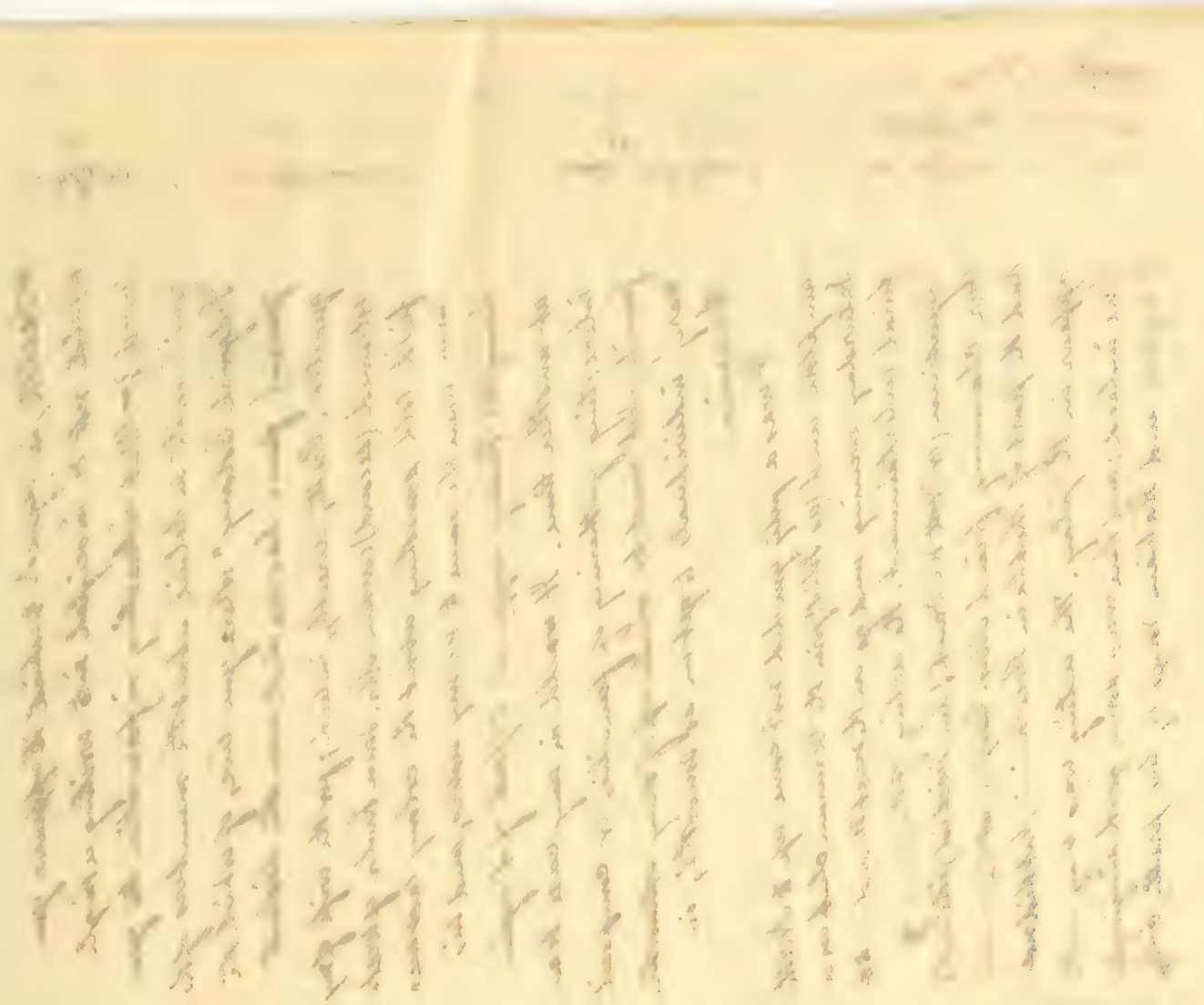

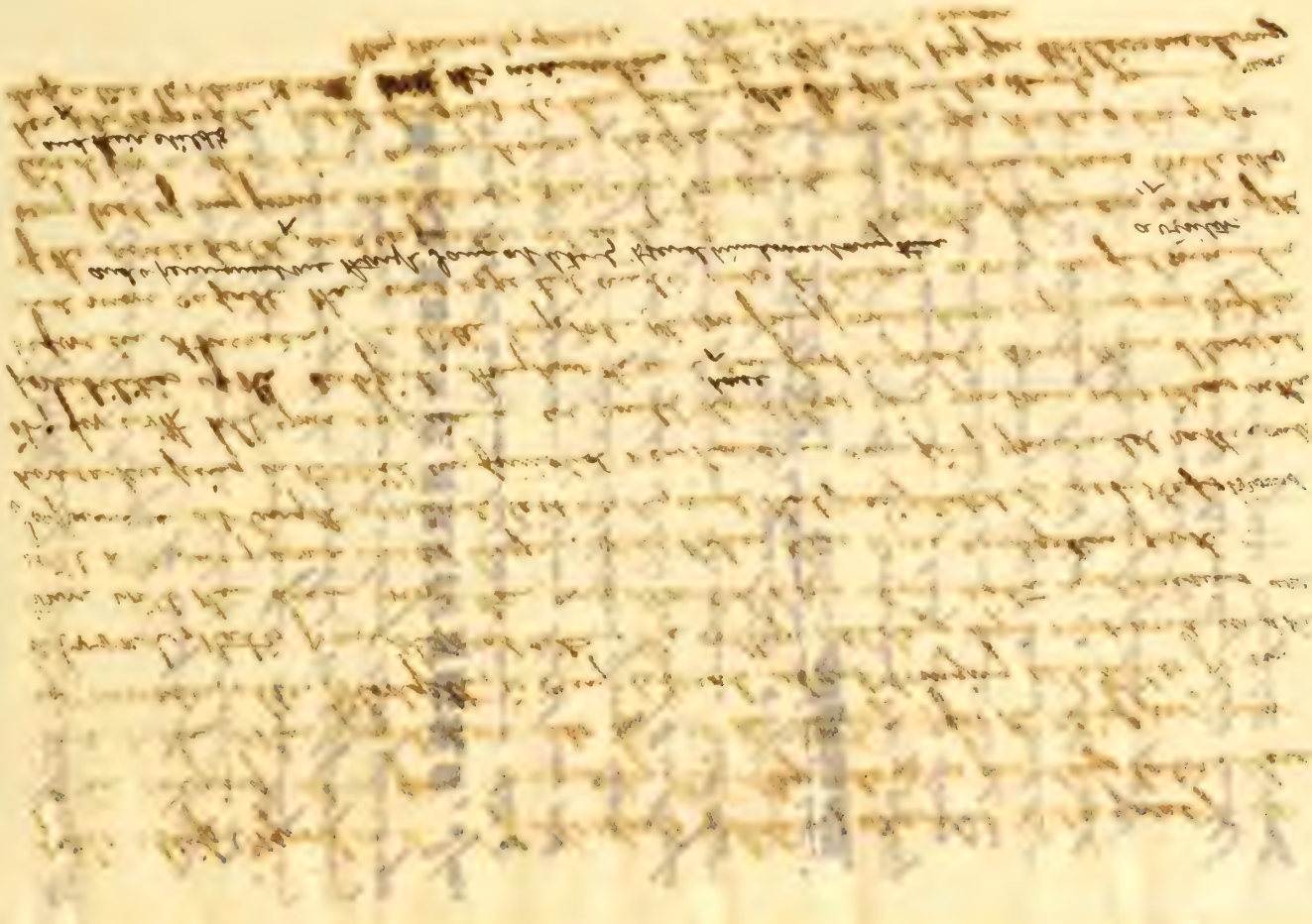

Northampton, Mass., 26 March 18[illegible].

My dear [illegible]:

Many thanks for the [illegible] you were so kind as to write [illegible] giving the good news of your safe arrival [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gift indeed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at once. There are no events [illegible] of particular importance to communicate. On Wednesday evening there was a concert [illegible] at the college, and I went all alone, a little late, entering [illegible] and being shown by a young lady [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the college [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] among the college [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "sweet" and sang a sweet love song when encored. [illegible] [illegible] I did not get to [illegible] until Thursday evening and was very hospitably received [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with so many [illegible] of the [illegible]. Friday evening I went to [illegible] Christopher [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] correctly, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hoping that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Your [illegible] cousin, [illegible]

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ABSTENTION: THE STAGE BETWEEN PROPS AND BACKDROPS

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MR. TURNER

THE TOWN MEETING FORBIDS THE ADOPTION OF THE [illegible] SYSTEM OF [illegible]

FROM THE FILES OF THE OFFICE WITHDRAWN

Please give my love to all, and believe me always

7 MILES FROM HERE

Benj. Smith Lyman